

# Sedalia Evening Democrat.

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SEDALIA, MISSOURI, WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 23, 1891.

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## THIRTY KILLED.

### DYNAMITE DOES DEADLY WORK AT ANTWERP.

### A LIGHTER WRECKED BY THE EXPLOSION AND THIRTY LIVES LOST.

### The Fragments of Human Bodies Scattered in All Directions.

ANTWERP, Dec. 23.—While the French lugger Pilot was discharging her cargo into a lighter in the harbor this morning there was a terrific explosion which startled the entire city and caused many to believe an earthquake had occurred. Investigation showed the lighter to have been completely wrecked and sunk by the explosion of dynamite. All of her upper part was blown into fragments. There were twenty men at work on the lighter. The horrors of the scene were indescribable. Fragments of human arms and legs were scattered in all directions. It is impossible to tell how many were killed. Men were either killed outright or blown into the water and drowned. It is thought a package of dynamite which the men were handling, dropped on the deck of the lighter and caused the explosion. It is now estimated that thirty lives were lost. Immense crowds gathered at the docks and a strong police force was put on duty at the scene of the accident to preserve order and assist the working parties to secure the victims.

### OPERATORS EXPELLED.

### Charged With Violating Rules of the Board.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 23.—Kennett & Hopkins, well known board of trade operators, were suspended from the floor of the exchange, by the directors of the board yesterday for violation of the rules. This firm, with a number of others, was charged with sending continuous quotations from the floor. The case against them was sustained and suspension was the penalty imposed. Mr. Kennett claims it is a farce, and for political purposes, etc., as an election is at hand.

### A Gourmand's Death.

MERCER, Mo., Dec. 22.—Sunday night Robert Severns, proprietor of a livery stable, who has been noted as the heaviest eater in this part of the state, made a wager that he could eat four cans of salmon in thirty minutes without crackers, the price of the salmon being the forfeit. He finished the fourth can in twenty-eight minutes and a half. He then called for a cigar, lit it and started out of the door. Just as he got to the door he dropped dead. The parties who made the wager are under arrest.

### Buried in One Grave.

CLINTON, Mo., Dec. 22.—The remains of Casper Altringer and wife will be buried in one grave to-morrow. Their ages were respectively 67 and 55, and they had been married forty years. The wife died twenty-four hours before her husband.

### Mills Burned.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 23.—The Union flouring mills were destroyed by fire this morning. Loss estimated at one hundred thousand dollars. Insured.

### Postoffice Robbed.

CATLETSBURG, Ky., Dec. 23.—Thieves robbed the postoffice here last night of \$600 in stamps and cash.

### WAR IN BRAZIL.

### Town of Santa Victoria Attacked.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Santiago says General Campo with a small force has attacked the town of Santa Victoria in the province of Rio Grande de Sul, Brazil. Telegraph wires, he adds, have been cut and the result of the engagement is unknown.

### Committees Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The following committees are announced: Committee on elections: Cha. T. O'Farrell, (Va.), chairman; Moore, Cobb, Painter, J. B. Brown, Lockwood, Lawson, Gillespie, Johnston, Laughen, Taylor, Doane, Johnson, Reyburn and Clark. Ways and means: Springer, chairman; McMillan, Turner, Wilson, Montgomery, Whiting, Shively, Cochran, Stevens, Bryan, Reece, Burroughs, McKenna, Payne and Dalzel. Appropriations: Holman, chairman; Forney, Sayres, Breckenridge of (Ky.), Dockery, Muchier, Breckenridge of

(Ark.) Compton, O'Neil, Livingstone, Henderson, Cogswell, Bingham, Digley and Grout.

### BIG LONDON FIRE.

### An Entire Block Destroyed and Many Thrown Out of Employment.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—An entire block was destroyed by fire this morning in Shepherd's Walk, this city. The loss was very heavy and many people were thrown out of work.

### Entombed Alive.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 23.—Slope No. 2, of Luke Fiddler collier is choked up with immense mass rock which caved in last night.

One of the miners, Anthony Socha, is in one of the chambers and it is also feared two of the night shift men are also buried. The scene of the accident is two miles beneath the surface of the earth. A force of men are hard at work clearing away the rock and earth in order to rescue the imprisoned miners.

### THE CHARITY BALL.

### The Relation of the Church Members to this Prominent Subject.

To the Editor of the Democrat.

As one woman deeply interested in the work of building a charity hospital, and in justice to the christian women who are associated with me in this work, I wish to say that from the first we have not favored the ball as a means to gain funds for this proposed institution. There is not one member of the churches whose respective pastors have denounced the charity ball who are on the programme for this entertainment. It is being looked after by those who are not in any church, or by those who are non-Christian, or else Christians who do not object to dancing, and have not been taught to regard dancing as sinful. So far as I am individually concerned, the church of which I am a very unworthy member denounces this pastime in its discipline, hence I have taken no part whatever in the work of arranging for this event, but there are, no doubt, just as good, and quite as conscientious women who are in sympathy with it, and as no one person nor one church can hope to be conscience for a whole community I deeply regret the action taken by the churches, as this ball will not be a riotous affair but a quiet gathering of good people who do not consider that dancing is so sinful. The ladies who are working so heartily to obtain funds with which to build a city hospital have a herculean task on their hands and they desire to reach every respectable class of citizens to obtain their sympathy and aid, and while—as I before mentioned—individually I did not, and do not favor the ball, I think it both unwise, and unkind to so bitterly denounce those who are working to make the entertainment a financial success.

### CHARITY.

### How to Invest \$100.

A morning paper has interviewed a large number of very wealthy men on the best way to invest \$100. Governor-elect Flower advises that the surplus hundred be invested in a suburban lot; Henry Clews says, make it a nucleus of a homestead; Dr. Chauncey Depew declares that it should be banked until it becomes a thousand, and then put in a gilt-edged bond. Erastus Wiman and Uncle Rufus Hatch both advise building and loan stock. Not a few capitalists favor paid up life insurance.

It is now in order for some newspaper to interview these gentlemen on the best way to get \$100.—Exchange.

### A Nervy Robber.

The grocery store of Fred C. Lang, No. 308 West Main street, was robbed last night in a rather peculiar manner. Mr. Lang noticed a strange man in the store shortly before closing, but paid no particular attention to him. It seems, however, that the man secreted himself and was locked up in the store. When Mr. Lang opened his place of business this morning he found that the money-drawer had been broken open with a hatchet and its contents, fifty cents in coppers, taken. A box of cigars and some plugs of tobacco were also missed. After feasting upon apples, etc., the thief departed, leaving the door wide open.

### Walt Whitman no Better.

CAMDEM, Mo., Dec. 23.—There is no improvement in the condition of Walt Whitman. Death may occur at any time.

## CHRISTMAS CHIMES.

### PROGRAMMES TO BE OFFERED BY CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

### Much Excellent Music and Evergreen Trees Will Make a Memorable and Merry Holiday Season.

The merry Christmas season is again almost at hand, and, as will be noted by the following announcements, the observance of the festive occasion will be elaborate and general by the many local churches and Sunday schools.

On Christmas eve there will be a musical programme carried out at the First Congregational church.

At the East Sedalia Baptist church, on Christmas eve there will be musical and literary exercises.

The Montgomery street Methodist church will have elaborate exercises, including a cantata, appropriate to Christmas eve.

Santa Claus will drop in at the First Methodist church Christmas eve and will be entertained with some good music and literary exercises.

The German M. E. church, corner of Sixth and Lamine, will have a tree and a fish pond. The children will render a number of pretty songs and speeches.

There will be no unusual feature at the Christian church. The presents will be distributed without the aid of a tree. Appropriate exercises have been arranged.

A Christmas tree, good music and an impersonation of Santa Claus will be features of the programme Christmas eve at the Harmony Baptist Mission church.

The Baptist church on Lamine street is particularly favored. Santa Claus will come down the chimney in sight of the children to-morrow night and distribute his presents.

Colonel Joe Green, superintendent of the Mission Sunday school, will provide a fine entertainment at the mayor's office for the children, and will distribute presents liberally.

The Second Congregational church will observe Christmas eve by giving the children a special musical entertainment. Santa Claus will be there in all his snowy majesty and will distribute gifts to the guests.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic church, which has never failed to provide an excellent holiday entertainment, will have special musical exercises and a fine Christmas tree Friday afternoon. The altar and chancel will be appropriately decorated with evergreens.

Calvary Episcopal church will have an elaborate time to-night. An old fashioned fire-place will be constructed with boxes of candy in imitation of brick. In the fire-place will be an old time kettle and crane. Santa Claus will come down the chimney and distribute the presents. One hundred and fifty views illustrating biblical themes will be displayed by a magic lantern.

### TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

The Greenville, Miss., bank failed Tuesday.

Jerome I. Case, the millionaire manufacturer and owner of the celebrated horse Jay-Eye-See, died Tuesday.

Colonel R. S. Strader, one of the best known horsemen in the country, died at his home near Lexington, Kentucky, Tuesday.

Garza, the Mexican bandit and revolutionist, is said to have captured a detachment of United States soldiers near Fort McIntosh.

"The Crankiness of the Puritans" was the subject of Chauncey M. Depew's speech before the New England society in New York.

John Branyan, of Huntington, Ind., who was thought to have been murdered, has returned to his home. He wanted to be romantic.

According to a decision rendered by Judge Burson in Wabash, Ind., Indiana may be unable to prevent companies from piping natural gas to Chicago.

The Jackson club of Columbus, O., sat down very hard on an attempt to launch the Hill boom in Ohio at the club banquet in Columbus, January 8, next.

The State Supreme Court yesterday reversed and remanded the case against James C. Talmage, who killed Telegraph Operator Lidd at Brunswick in January, 1888.

"Rev. J. Weih, German pastor,"

of New York, has for a year been stealing industriously from the churches of the city, and had a room full with articles so obtained, apparently stolen for pleasure.

Presiding Elder Reeves was egged on Sunday night at Millersburg, Ky., by a party of men who were incensed at Rev. Reeves for his action in removing the Millersburg Male college to Winchester.

A diabolical crime is reported from Choccolocco, Ala. Thursday night last, masked men broke into the home of a white man named Bowers, and after beating him into a state of insensibility subjected Mrs. Bowers to the most fiendish treatment. Bowers has since died and his wife is in a critical condition. No arrests have yet been made.

### THEY COME AND GO.

### Where Many Persons Expect to Spend the Holiday Season.

Sam Hodges will celebrate by a big hunt.

Mrs. D. H. Smith will entertain Mrs. J. H. Hill this week.

Miss Jennie Jaynes is expecting her friend, Miss Bartholomew, of Maine.

J. M. Hart, student at the commercial college, will bite Christmas pie in Fayette.

Mrs. Sam Rosse will be the guest of her grandfather, at Smithton, on Christmas day.

Mr. Weyland, the efficient book-keeper for Kelk Bros., will spend the day at Boonville.

G. C. Miller, the artistic "typo" will accidentally call upon a certain Moberly young lady.

Dr. William Parberry, of Montana, is expected to spend the Christmas in Sedalia.

Mrs. Chas. Taylor is expecting Mrs. Will McDonald, of Parsons, as a guest for a few days.

Miss Luella McDearmon will pass a few days at her old home, Boonville. She leaves to-night.

Judge D. C. Metsker left yesterday afternoon for Topeka, where he will eat Kansas pie, Christmas turkey and drink alkali water.

A. L. Poundstone, of Lincoln, Neb., will pass the merry season in Sedalia, having arrived to-day.

Mrs. and Mrs. T. H. Hatcher will spend the holidays with the "home folks" at Jefferson City.

Lieut. Mark L. Goodwin, a student at Scarratt college, Neosho, Mo., will make the holiday season merrier by his presence in Sedalia.

Miss Jessie Smith, who is completing her musical education in Chicago, will arrive home to-day.

Master Thomas Marca will be the pleasant little guest of his "grandpa", W. E. Reeves, in Kansas City.

H. M. Settles, a student at the commercial college, left at noon today for Fayette to spend the holidays.

W. D. Ferguson and wife, of Hughesville, arrived in Sedalia today and will remain until after the 25th.

John L. Hall, a former resident of Sedalia, but now of Aurora, Lawrence county, will eat turkey in the Queen City.

Lum Hall will arrive from Albuquerque, New Mexico, to-day and spend the week with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. O'Brien, of Boonville, will arrive in Sedalia to-morrow and be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Mellor at 1008 Ohio street.

H. B. Sullivan, half brother of Sam Hodges, and connected with the Edison Electric Co., Augusta, Ga., will sit at Sam's bountiful board.

Mrs. Neil, formerly Miss Lon Deyo, of near Sandusky, Ohio, arrived last evening with her little babe and will visit her mother several weeks.

The Broadway Presbyterian church will have the usual tree to-morrow evening with songs and speeches by the members of the Sunday school.

The Cumberland Presbyterian church will celebrate to-night and a grand time is expected. The church has been handsomely decorated with evergreens.

Frank Gibbons, a popular operator in the Western Union office, will leave to-morrow, and will take Christmas dinner with his parents at Boonville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tillotson, of Springfield, Illinois, will spend several weeks with their daughter, the wife of Prof. Smith, superintendent of the public schools.

J. M. Cook, the newly married time-keeper at the Missouri Pacific shops, will eat turkey, such as

## Holiday Goods!

Price Our Goods before you buy. We have the Cheapest goods in Central Missouri and we carry the Books worth 50c for 24c; Books worth 75c for 40c; Books worth 40c for 20c; Comb and Brush sets from 75c up; Manicure sets from 40c up; Albums from 75c up, and everything else in proportion. Don't fail to see our goods and prices.

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"only mother can cook," with his wife and parents at Smithton.

Will Cloney's best girl is daily expecting his arrival to spend Christmas week in Sedalia. Wonder how many young ladies think that they are the lucky ones?

A bevy of girls from Elizabeth Aull seminary came down on the Lexington branch this morning. Some of them will remain here. Others proceeded to various other points to spend the Christmas vacation.

### Resolutions.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to call from this world the wife of Brother John J. Lowery, and that in her death he has lost a devoted and affectionate wife, and his child a loving and Christian mother; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Hughesville Lodge, No. 340, A. O. U. W., brothers in C. H. & P., tender to him, our beloved brother, our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the trying hour of his affliction.

Resolved, That these resolutions be forwarded to Brother Lowery and a copy furnished the Overseer and Sedalia papers.

M. McGRUDER, }  
T. N. CALLIS, } Com.  
J. W. HARRIS, }  
Hughesville, Mo., Dec. 23, '91.

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### The Governor Still Considering.

Gov. Francis came down from Jefferson City this morning with Attorney-General Wood to look after a case in the circuit court in which the state is deeply interested. When seen by a Post-Dispatch representative the governor was asked if he had reached a conclusion regarding the special session. "I have not," was his reply. "Despite the various reports that have been in circulation I have not yet fully decided what to do in the premises." Referring to his recent trip in Kansas City, Carthage, Boonville and other points in the state, Gov. Francis said: "I found everything in a prosperous shape everywhere I went." Again referring to the prospect of a special session to redistrict the state, the governor said he did not know when he would be able to give his final decision.—Post-Dispatch.

### Another Divorce.

Through her attorneys, Messrs. Sangree & Lamm, Minnie N. Coffeen has filed a divorce suit, in Circuit Clerk Fowler's office, against Frederick H. Coffeen.

Souvenir albums at Dexter's Book Store.

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Reduced Prices on All Goods.

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"I would earnestly advise them for their good to order this paper to be punctually served up and to be looked upon as a part of the tea equipage."—ADDISON.

JUDGE NORTON is not a candidate for governor but will accept the democratic nomination if tendered him.

THE New York *World* refers to Senator Palmer, of Illinois, as a "presidential possibility." A possibility? Of course he is, and a grand one, too.

THE democratic state executive committee will meet in St. Louis early in January to hear the report of the committee appointed to organize democratic clubs in the state.

AN exchange refers to Elkins as a symptom. Unfortunately for the American people, "Elkins" is not a symptom merely, but a disease; and one, too, which is spreading rapidly under Ben Harrison's administration. A strong application of real democracy in the White House will cure the malady.

THE DEMOCRAT has met a most cordial reception at the hands of the good people of Sedalia, and for this the management is duly thankful. The DEMOCRAT intends to find its way into every home in Sedalia if possible and is encouraged, by its brief experience, to believe that the task is not as difficult as was anticipated.

It is given out officially from the Russian Legation at Washington that in twelve provinces in Russia, with a population of 20,000,000, the people are actually starving. It is dreadful to think that in this nineteenth century millions of people are starving on one side of the ocean while granaries are bursting with fullness on the other side.

GEORGE MADDOX, of Nevada, tells the Southwest *Mail* a thrilling story of the war record of Steve Elkins, whom President Harrison has recently appointed secretary of war. Mr. Maddox says Steve served in Quantrell's command during the summer of 1862 and made a brave soldier and a hard fighter. Mr. Elkins has the distinguished honor of being the only one of Quantrell's hard fighters ever called to fill a cabinet position.

HON. BEN BUTTERWORTH, republican congressman from Ohio, is quoted as saying: "There are more loafers in an American city than there are in all Germany." He could have truthfully added that thousands of these "loafers" were really men who desired to work but could find none because of the republican policy of crippling production by a "protective tariff" to encourage the investment of capital in naturally unproductive channels.

THE *Gazette* appears disturbed and anxious lest the distribution of public printing may disturb the harmony now existing among its democratic contemporaries. If the esteemed *Gazette* will sit on the grave of the old post office fight and prevent the appearance of that ghost in the republican ranks, and at the same time keep the peace between the Filley and anti-Filley faction, it will find its time fully occupied. It will need its full stock of patience as a peace maker in patching up its own family quarrels.

**THE DEMOCRATIC CLUB**  
Sedalia's democratic club is an assured fact, and the character of its membership clearly indicates that it will be a working organization. It is composed of earnest,

true democrats, who will use every effort to spread the doctrines of their party and do their utmost to secure the success of that party at the polls.

The club is new and as yet does not include among its membership all who should be with it.

But the membership will increase until every true, working democrat in Sedalia and Pettis county will have added his name to the rolls.

This paper believes in a stalwart, outspoken, earnest, working democracy.

This paper believes in a partisanship that is earnest and sincere, and if need be, self-sacrificing.

If the democratic party did not include in its ranks the noblest, bravest, firmest and most steadfast men, first and last it would have died long ago.

If there had not been courage and devotion among its members it would have disappeared from the country's history during the dark days when the party was reviled, slandered, bayoneted, hissed, spit upon, outlawed and disfranchised.

But democracy is right, and after each defeat its grand army of advocates only stood the firmer in their adherence to political truth until they won the respect even of their partisan enemies and the admiration of the world.

All that is necessary to make certain a glorious victory in the city, county, state and union is an exhibition of the real spirit of democracy.

United and in earnest, the democratic party has never been defeated in any fair election in this country. It cannot be defeated in the future—it is invincible.

### SENATOR PLUMB'S BODY.

*It Passed Through Sedalia This Morning in Charge of a Congressional Committee.*

The remains of Senator Plumb, of Kansas, passed through Sedalia at 3:45 o'clock this morning, on a special train in charge of Conductor James King.

The body was accompanied by the following congressional committeemen: Senators Peffer, of Kansas, Paddock of Nebraska, Dolph and Palmer of Illinois; Representative Cate and Peel of Arkansas, Youmans of Michigan, Broderick of Kansas and Post of Illinois. Mr. Charles B. Reade, acting assistant door-keeper of the senate, was in charge of the burial committee.

At Harrisburg, Pa., the three children of Senator Plumb, who have been attending school there, joined the funeral train. They are Amos H. and Preston, and Miss Carrie Plumb.

Mrs. Senator John M. Palmer accompanied her husband on the journey and comforted Senator Plumb's three children. Mrs. Senator Plumb was not on the train. She is now at Emporia, Kas.

The body of the deceased statesman arrived at Topeka, Kan., today and will lie in state at the State House for two hours. The lid of the casket will be lifted and the constituents and friends of the dead statesman permitted to view his remains. Three delegations from the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Kansas will join the funeral cortege, together with an escort of the state guard.

The body will be interred at Emporia, Kan., Thursday with little ostentation and display.

### Nor His Whiskers.

The democratic party is beset by the Philistines just at present. But the Samson hasn't had his hair cut yet.—*Republic*.

### Repairs Ordered by the Commission.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 22.—Railroad Commissioner T. J. Hennessy filed with the state board today a report of an inspection made by him December 16 and 17 of the track and bridges of the Hannibal and St. Louis Railroad. The track, Mr. Hennessy says, is in fairly good condition, but many of the bridges and trestles he found in a bad, not to say dangerous condition. In many of them the stringers and bents are rotten and decayed, and he recommends that the board immediately issue an order requiring the repair and renewal of all unsafe structures. This will be done, and the order will be forthcoming in a day or two.

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## THE LATEST WONDER.

### INVENTION FOR SENDING PHOTOS BY ELECTRICITY.

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The advent of the telephone, which enabled us not only to converse through hundreds of miles of wire, but to recognize the voices of our friends, and the report of a few years ago that one's autograph could be faithfully reproduced at the distant end of a line, set us all to wondering if the time would not come when we should see by electricity. On account of the subtlety of the light vibrations, it seems exceedingly improbable that the latter will ever be carried out. But there has recently been invented a process by which photographs can be transmitted to any distance and reproduced in the form of half-tones similar to the reproductions so much used in illustrated journals. This process is the invention of N. S. Amstutz of Cleveland, Ohio, and is known as the electro-artograph.

The electrical journal, *Electricity*, says in describing the system, that the process is founded on the use of undulatory or varying currents of electricity, somewhat on the principle of the telephone—the transmitting instrument being actuated indirectly by the varying degrees of light instead of by sound waves as with the telephone transmitter.

To send a view it is photographed on what is known as a "stripping film," composed of gelatine and bichromate of potassium, a mixture that is sensitive to light. It becomes exceedingly



SIZE AS RECEIVED.

hard when exposed, but readily dissolves when shielded from the light. After taking the picture on the film, wash it carefully with lukewarm water, which removes the portions not acted on by the light and leaves the rest in relief. Thus far there is nothing in the process that is new to newspaper work.

The film is next taken from the glass plate and mounted upon a sheet of celluloid, which is wrapped around a perfectly true cylinder, mounted to permit of turning. In front of the cylinder is placed a bar, upon which rides a carriage containing a tracing point, which bears lightly upon the gelatine print just as does the stylus of the phonograph upon the wax cylinder. It rises and falls according to the greater or less relief, due to the varying degree of the sound waves in one case and the amount of light to which the film has been exposed in the other.

If the current can be caused to vary exactly as the elevations over which the stylus passes, the varying strength of the current at the distant end, if plotted, would be an exact fac-simile of the path described by the needle. A single line does not make a picture, but it may form one element of it, as it does in this case. To transmit the picture the whole of the gelatine film is gone over, the stylus describing a spiral, around the cylinder, with its returning paths quite close together.

If the carbon button, which permits of sufficient variation in current for the transmission of speech, permitted of sufficient variation for this purpose, there would probably be no better way of varying the current than by its use, but it has not this flexibility, so the inventor has had recourse to another method.

The "tracer," as he calls his stylus, is mounted upon a multiplying lever which engages with a series of levers mounted on a common shaft, the further ends of these levers being platinum pointed and serving, when a pressed, to connect the source of current with the line wire. The current enters the machine through this common shaft and passes to line through the one or more contact points that happen to be depressed into contact with a plate connected with the line wire.

The action is this: Supposing the tracer were on a point of highest relief, only one of these levers would be depressed and the current would have but a single contact to pass through. If the tracer came across a place with slightly less relief a second lever would be depressed, decreasing the resistance and permitting more current to pass, and so on until on passing a point of lowest elevation on the gelatine point of all the levers would be depressed, reducing the resistance to a minimum and permitting the maximum current to pass.

The number of the levers is not limited, but the larger the number the more delicate the work. The adjustment of the sending machine to the varying thicknesses of different gelatine plates does not affect in any manner the receiving machines, so that



TWENTY MILES OVER THE WIRE

a picture sent with great delicacy may be received in the newspaper office in sufficiently crude form for its purposes, whereas another machine connected with the same wire and receiving the picture at the same time could reproduce it with the same delicacy with which it was sent—depending upon the adjustment of the receiving instrument.

When the transmitting instrument is passing over a low place in the gelatine film and all the contacts are depressed

permitting the maximum current to pass, the electro magnet of the receiving instrument will beat its maximum strength, and the graving tool correspondingly pressed on the receiving matrix, and vice versa. The wax on the receiving cylinder is turned off by a turning tool preparatory to use, a piece of paper having first been wrapped around the cylinder. When the impression is complete the waxed paper cylinder is removed, cut longitudinally, rolled flat, and is then ready for the electrotypist.

Let us suppose the wax used to be white, and we color its surface black. The cylinder is then started and the graving tool, slightly depressed, will show a delicate white line. If the same pressure be maintained for several revolutions there will appear a series of delicate white lines running closely parallel to each other. Now, if the tracer passes over a portion of the gelatine print of greater depth, more current would be transmitted, a deeper cut would be made in the wax, the white line would be broadened and the intervening black line made correspondingly narrower.

A step further: When the tracer is passing over those portions of the film that are not intended to print at all, the graving tool will be buried so deeply in the wax as to cut away the black entirely, and in the electrotype made from this matrix this portion would be entirely cut away so as not to print at all, thus producing in metal a line fac-simile of the gelatine relief from which it was originally produced. By this it is plain that all of the gradations of light and shade found in the picture on the transmitting instrument may be faithfully reproduced on the cylinder and then in metal by the electrotype process.

The time required to transmit an ordinary column-wide illustration need not exceed eight or ten minutes and the stereotyping of the reproduction should not occupy more than a few additional minutes, so that the reproduction can be placed upon the presses along with the press dispatches descriptive of the subject illustrated.

By a system of gears on the instruments it is possible to change the size of the picture at either end of the line. That is, a picture can be transmitted either larger, the same size or smaller, and at the receiving end the instruments can reproduce it on the same or different scale. The greatest accuracy is attained when large originals are used and reproduced on a smaller scale.

If it is desired to send hand sketches, a process has been devised by which an artist can make his sketches by suitable washes, preserving all of the half tones that he may deem necessary to the correct pictorial representation. Upon the completion of the sketch it is wrapped around a transmitting cylinder, and by a simple adjustment of the tracer the machine can be left to itself until the whole picture has been transmitted to its destination, where it is automatically reproduced.

The cuts given are taken from pictures that were transmitted a distance of twenty miles over a single wire, with a 100-volt current. In the latest type of the instrument a system of alternating currents is used by which it is possible to carry on picture transmission over very long distances.

### Strength of the Human Breath.

The horse-power of the human breath is not great enough to scatter a regiment of soldiers, nor will it unroot trees, as the fable tells us, albeit it contains a surprising amount of leverage, which is evidenced by a loud report which a paper bag filled with the breath will produce, when smashed between the hands.

The following experiment demonstrates the elementary power of the human breath still more forcibly.

Take a large bag of good heavy paper, lay it on the table and cover the



RAISING LARGE BOOKS.

closed end of it with several books, a Webster Unabridged and a family bible, for instance, then blow into the bag, filling or inflating it with air, and you will soon see that it will overthrow the books, i. e., remove a small mountain.

### Cause of Ferment.

"It is not so very long," said a scientist the other day, to a Washington Star man "since it was an accepted belief that living creatures low down in the scale of existence were brought into being under certain conditions by what was called spontaneous generation—in other words, that, like Topsy, they 'just grew,' without starting from any germ in particular. This was supposed to happen when flour and water was mixed together, for example, and permitted to stand for a while. Paste so made will quickly develop swarms of little animals, the surface being covered with small wrigglers resembling eels in shape. Not the slightest indication of life can be found in the mixture when freshly made, and yet but a short time elapses before it is filled with active organisms, whose term of being is only brought to a close when the material on which they feed is entirely consumed. It is not surprising that the observation of such a familiar phenomenon should have given rise to the mistaken notion I refer to.

### New Planet.

Dr Palisa of Vienna, who but the other day discovered a new minor planet, No. 320, now announces another, No. 321. Its right ascension was 2 h. 18 min. 48 sec., with a daily motion of —48 sec., and its north polar distance 76 degs. 47 min. 26 sec., with a daily motion of plus 3 min. It was observed on Oct. 15 at 11 h. 6' 8" min., and appeared like a star of the 12th magnitude. The list of these small denizens of the solar system is increasing so rapidly, and the orbits pursued by them are so eccentric, that it is no light task to keep pace with the movements of those already discovered.

### Just the Same.

Eastern Boy—Did you ever play football?  
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#### Barlow Brothers' Minstrels.

Christmas day and Christmas night is to be celebrated at Wood's by a matinee and night performance by Barlows'. This company is popular wherever known, and will make Christmas a gala day. A minstrel show without a parade would be a queer affair, and this is no exception. So watch for it. Barlows' are getting excellent press notices.

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### Love & McGurran

(Successors to Gardella & Airola;) Sell Christmas candy at 10 cents a pound, Florida oranges, 20 cents per dozen. We have extra fine oysters, 35 cents per quart. The finest line of nuts, French assorted candy, grapes, bananas, cocoanuts and raisins. We are the cheapest fruit and oyster house in the city. 122 Ohio street, next door to First National Bank.

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Would be a box of High Five cigars at Honkomp &amp; Schmidt's.

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Come hear our Music Boxes play. Dexter's Book store.

## FASHIONS FOR WINTER

## WHAT IS GOOD TO WEAR JUST NOW.

Some New Styles in Head Wear—A New Greek Knot for the Hair—Plaid Gown and Velvet Bodice—Notes for the Fair Sex.

There are fewer fashions in New York than anywhere else in America, or, if you choose to look at it in another way, there are a great many more fashions, because so large a proportion of woman have the courage to originate their own fashions, thus bringing about every year a greater and greater variety in dressing.

Consider for a moment the group of hats figured. You may like them or dislike them, but in any case you will be forced to admit there is not a great deal of similarity between them. They represent very differing ideas, but it would be impossible to say of any one of them that it is in the fashion or of any other that it is out of it. They are three hats which three shrewd New York girls have chosen without the slightest reference to what anybody says is or is not the fashion, but with very close reference to each girl's shape of face and coloring of hair and skin and eye.

The girl whose hat is so frankly and openly defied the Audubon society is a clear, pale blonde with fuzzy hair and a pretty mouth. Her hat is made of drawn velvet, dark green in color, and trimmed with a great white bird, whose wings and neck shade into bronzy and metallic green.

The girl whose hat is turned up on one side so determinedly is a very usual brown-haired Yankee; bright and intelligent and attractive, and quite un-



NOTIONS IN MILLINERY.

derstanding how to make the most of these advantages. Her hat is a cream-colored felt with a twist of brown velvet below the brim and touching her hair. The ostrich plumes and the osprey are mixed brown and cream.

The flat hat belongs to a demure, large-eyed brunette, whose especial style it fits to perfection. It is a tawny brown felt, with a ruche of yellow ribbon plaited about it and yellow ribbons hanging behind. The feathers, which curl over it from the back, are brown shading into yellow.

## New Wool Gowns.

Wool gowns as a rule are not embroidered, the goods itself being sufficiently elaborate. Still a plain wool, in the new shade of blue, has been seen, with flounce, vest, collar, and sleeves of the coat bodice all embroidered. This, however, is meant for a house gown. Light weight broadcloths are used by the French for dressy, tailor-made suits, when vines and leaf designs in braiding are much used, combined with bands of velvet. Dark green cloth is a good material to choose for such a dress, and should consist of a long plain skirt and a blunt, round bodice, or a habit bodice with postilion backs. A panel of velvet of the shade of the dress is used on the right side of the skirt, carried along the side of which is a fancy braided vine, in which black, gold, and other shades of green predominate, while both waist and sleeves have trimmings of the velvet and braid.

## A New Greek Knot.

There are quite a few new things in hair-dressing that may have the good fortune to prove moderately interesting. A new form of the Greek knot is one of the novelties illustrated, the long loop at the back falling lower than has been usual with this style. The low coil, which is shown, both as to front and back effect, is meant for a young girl, and is far more graceful than any of the high and more elaborate coiffures. The waved style without fringe is as pretty a method of arranging the front hair as has been shown in years, though it is more than doubtful if it will find favor, since it transgresses the rule of rules, it allows the locks to remain



FRESH FADS IN HAIR DRESSING.

smooth; while it is a well-known fact in hair-dressing that the more tangled and disorderly the more fashionable.

## Semi-Classical Costume.

This winter for evening wear a semi-classical costume will be very popular with young women and girls. The material will be white wool with a plain skirt and draped bodice, the essential feature of this otherwise simple gown being a golden girdle. There is a fashion which has prevailed more or less this summer of draping a deep sash round the waist nearly up to the arms, but only the slenderest, most girlish figures can wear it without looking thick and square, but the Swiss corselet or the jeweled girdle has the advantage of being youthful looking and at the same time preserves the outlines of the figure. Long girdles of embroidered satin are worn with evening dresses, the ends being just knotted below the corselet and allowed to fall straight down.

Weather edgings, made to curl outwardly, handsomely trim the median collar and edges of the new capes and top coats, and they come in black or gray ostrich edgings, coque, pheasant, and peacocks' feathers.

## RESOLUTIONS.

Ex-Confederate Association on Capt. Archer's Departure from Sedalia.

At the meeting of the ex-confederate association of Pettis county Monday night, Capt. Archer tendered his resignation as an active member. Capt. Archer was then elected an honorary member of the club and the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, Capt. R. P. Archer was one of the original promoters of this organization and chairman of the executive committee, in which position he has always displayed superior administrative ability and proved an earnest and faithful worker for the benefit of the association and the good of his ex-confederate comrades; be it

Resolved, That in parting with Capt. Archer, this association desires that he carry to his new home, field and friends our best wishes for his future success, believing that those with whom he will be associated hereafter and who know him best, will fully appreciate his excellent business ability and nobleness of head and heart.

This association also desires to say that in parting with his estimable lady, Mrs. R. P. Archer, who was the faithful treasurer of the Ladies' Auxiliary and also of the D. O. C., the cause of the Confederate Home loses one of its most earnest advocates and benefactors, and our thanks are hereby extended to Mrs. Archer for the labor and sincere friendship which she has always manifested in behalf of the unfortunate old heroes of the cause which they "loved but lost." Mrs. Archer has rendered a full and satisfactory account of her stewardship as custodian of the funds in her hands and turned same over to her successor, Mrs. Hogue, treasurer pro tem. The following resolution was then presented and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this association tender its sincere thanks to Capt. E. H. Richardson for his faithful performance of his duties as secretary of this association for the past two years, and that his appointment on the executive committee will secure his valuable services and counsel toward the credit and advancement of the objects of our association.

## Moral.

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## Smith saw Smith.

While in Birmingham, Alabama, on official business a few days ago, Sheriff Ellis R. Smith, of Sedalia, had the pleasure of meeting his famous namesake, Sheriff Smith, whose name became so widely known a year or two ago in connection with the terrible jail riot at Birmingham, in which quite a number of persons lost their lives. Sheriff Smith, of Missouri, was not greatly impressed with the amiability of the sheriff of Alabama.

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## Three Fingers Crushed.

Monroe Castle, who was employed at Cavanaugh's stone quarry, near Georgetown, met with a bad accident yesterday by which three of his fingers were badly crushed. He will lose one or more of them.

## Moral.

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## Taken to Tusculum.

Clyde Thompson, who is charged with recently libelling Martha and Belle Shipman, of Tusculum, Mo., was arrested in Sedalia yesterday afternoon and taken back to Miller county, his former home, by Sheriff Ellis R. Smith last night.

## An Infant Child.

The little child of Foreman Strein, who is employed at Elliott's rock crusher, near Clifton City, died last night.

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## The First Festivities.

At Harmonie hall last night the first holiday entertainment was given by the members of the Eintracht lodge No. 176, A. O. U. W. There was a large attendance

of ladies, gentlemen and children and one of the happy features of the festal affair was a mammoth Christmas tree, every green bough of which was heavily loaded with many kinds of presents. A dance closed the entertainment, Friemel's orchestra furnishing the music.

## TWO CRAZY TOURISTS.

A Maniac Irishman Holds a Rock Island Coach.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 22.—The Rock Island train came in from the East late this morning with a most undesirable passenger aboard. When it pulled into the union depot at 11:35 o'clock it was found that there was a man concealed in the toilet room, and he refused to come out. Crouched in the corner of the apartment he refused to listen to reason, and with glaring eyes warned everyone to keep away from him. It was evident he was a lunatic. Trainmaster James Blair, who was in the car, summoned a porter to his assistance and attempted to put the man off the train. They had undertaken too big a task. The man, a tall, powerful Irishman, opened a pocket knife and fought like a fiend. As Blair grappled with him he buried the knife in Blair's left leg just above the calf, piercing the flesh to the bone. He was then given possession of the toilet room and bolted the door. Police Lieutenant Boulware and a number of policemen were soon upon the ground, and another effort was made to induce the man to surrender, but he refused, and an attack was made upon his stronghold. A truck was pushed to the side of the car and Lieutenant Boulware mounting it knocked out the window. The man on the inside crouched in the corner with the open bloody knife tight in his hand.

"Throw out that knife, of I will kill you," yelled Boulware. The maniac glared at him, but did not move.

"Throw it out," and Boulware pointed his club at him as through it was a revolver.

The man then closed the knife and, after considerable urging, finally threw it out of the window. Boulware then called to the officers in the car, and they broke in the door. The man surrendered without further resistance and was taken to the St. Louis avenue police station. At the station the man said his name was Thomas F. Herrington. He had a railway ticket in his pocket from Boston to San Francisco bearing that name. In a wild, rambling way and with a heavy Irish brogue he told his story.

He said he had been working at the Union Docks, San Francisco, but decided to go to St. Louis to see his brother. When he got to St. Louis he found that his brother had been dead for three years. Then he went to New York and Boston, and then started back to San Francisco.

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## A DESERTED BRIDE.

Sad Plight of Miss Edith Johnson, Said to Have Married a Gambler.

NEVADA, Mo., Dec. 21.—Among the passengers on the south-bound M. K. &amp; T. train Thursday noon who alighted here were a newly married couple from Clinton. They took a room at the Bateman House on East Cherry street, where the bridegroom registered as F. D. Myers and wife, Clinton. They were a nice looking couple, the groom plainly, but neatly dressed in a dark suit, the bride likewise being robed in sober colors. The groom appeared to be about 23 years old, of light complexion and well built. The bride looks to be about 20. She is also light complexioned and is slender. The couple remained at the Bateman House until Sunday morning early, when the groom stepped out, saying he would go down town and buy a package of cigarettes. He did not return, and his whereabouts have been a mystery ever since.

The bride was somewhat averse to discussing the situation, and appeared to be in deep distress. Her story was to the effect that she had been married to Myers by a justice of the peace at Clinton on last Wednesday; that they remained that night with her husband's uncle, a man named Campbell, and took the train for this place Thursday morning. The bride said her maiden name was Edith Johnson;

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Doors open every 15 minutes, so the store does not get too crowded. Come early; the cause of the great rush is the low prices at Heinrichs, My Jeweler, next postoffice.



### THE WEATHER.

Weather for Missouri for twenty-four hours beginning at 8 a. m. to-day: Fair, colder, Northerly winds, probably fair Wednesday.

### OFFICIAL STENOGRAPHER.

**J. F. Rutherford Speaks of the Extra Session--Captain Connor Paralyzed.**

Mr. J. F. Rutherford, whose home is at Boonville and who is official stenographer of the Cole county circuit, was seen at Seher's this morning by a DEMOCRAT representative.

Mr. Rutherford said that the principal topic in capital circles just now is in reference to the extra session. Whether it will be called is still a matter of considerable speculation, and Governor Francis has as yet expressed no opinion. The DEMOCRAT is able to state, authoritatively, however, that Lieutenant-Governor Claycomb is strenuously opposed to the calling of an extra session, considering that it would be a useless expense.

Mr. Rutherford informed the reporter that Captain Connor, clerk of the supreme court, who was stricken with paralysis on last Saturday afternoon, was very low last night and serious doubts are entertained as to his recovery. One side is wholly paralyzed and he is almost speechless.

Go to 204 Ohio street, buy a box of Boquets from Honkomp & Schmidt's and make your friend a handsome Xmas present.

### A Handsome Xmas Present

Would be a box of High Five cigars at Honkomp & Schmidt's

We will be glad to see all our country friends and make friends of others. Come, see us anyway, if you don't need anything in our line.

DEXTER'S BOOK STORE.

### A Handsome Present.

Jim Dulaney, the jolly good Elk and large lumber dealer, of Hannibal, presented Sedalia Lodge of B. P. O. E., No. 125, to-day, with an immense pair of elk antlers, which he secured while hunting grizzlies in the far west. They are worthy Landseer's "Monarch of the Glen" and will make a valuable addition to the lodge room.

See our Goods and compare prices. We are here, our chairs our Parlor Goods are immense. We have only one price to all; no shoddy goods on hand; only one price and best wishes to all; largest line, lowest prices. See them—buy them, for they are going fast. Dave Ramsey, 116 and 1182d st., Undertaker and Embalmer. No ice, and modern methods.

See our line Albums. Sold at less than wholesale price. Dexter's Book Store.

Elegant hand-painted book marks. Dexter's Book Store.

### May He Soon Recover.

James Harris, one of the most popular and perfect gentlemen that ever left Sedalia, and now with H. C. Arnold, the druggist, corner Fifth and Main, Kansas City, has been compelled to retire from business for a time to recuperate. He has been much troubled with rheumatism lately. His friends trust that his recovery will be prompt.

Holcomb will arrange his auction store Monday so that all can find room to be comfortable.

Dexter's book store is 40 feet longer and packed with goods.

### She's Very Ill.

Rev. A. H. Stephens, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, received word this morning that his grandmother, Mrs. Mary E. Nelson, who resides in Cooper county, in the vicinity of Tipton, is quite ill and doubt of her recovery is entertained.

### It is Raging Still.

The grip is sweeping over the land with an irresistible force, sparing neither friend or foe. Be warned in time. The greatest of all preventives as well as the after effects, is the Great Vitalizer, McFarland's German System Tonic. Sold by all druggists.

### Married.

A. E. Boland and Miss Cora Campbell, both of Johnson county, were made man and wife to-day by Judge Thomas Hoy.

### Our First Issue.

We advise all our patrons to go to Dave Ramsay for furniture. He has the stock and prices; he sells the goods. See his stock before you buy. His elegant line catches the eye. See him; buy of him. He will save you money. Undertaker and embalmer; no ice used; modern methods; open day and night. 116 & 1182d st.

James O'Brien, the leading cigar manufacturer of Central Missouri.

See Sedalia Marble Works, Clay & Heynen, before you buy a Monument or Tombstone.

# A PAIR THAT'S HARD TO BEAT!

Of all combinations that are hard to beat, the strutting turkey and the steaming pudding come pretty near being the most invincible. They are formidable aspirants for public favor in these festive days---but even

*Leaders Are Occasionally Led!*

AND WE WILL MATCH OUR

## Grand Stock of Xmas Goods!

*Its Brilliancy--Its Variety--Its Elegance.*

The Most Bewildering Variety Ever Shown to Make Your Purchases for the Holiday Presents!

It's Essential to Buy a Useful as Well as Ornamental Gift. We Invite the Public at Large to

INSPECT OUR GREAT LAY OUT  
FOR THE COMING HOLIDAYS BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR PURCHASES!

WE ARE SURE TO  
PLEASE YOU IN OUR MAMMOTH STOCK!

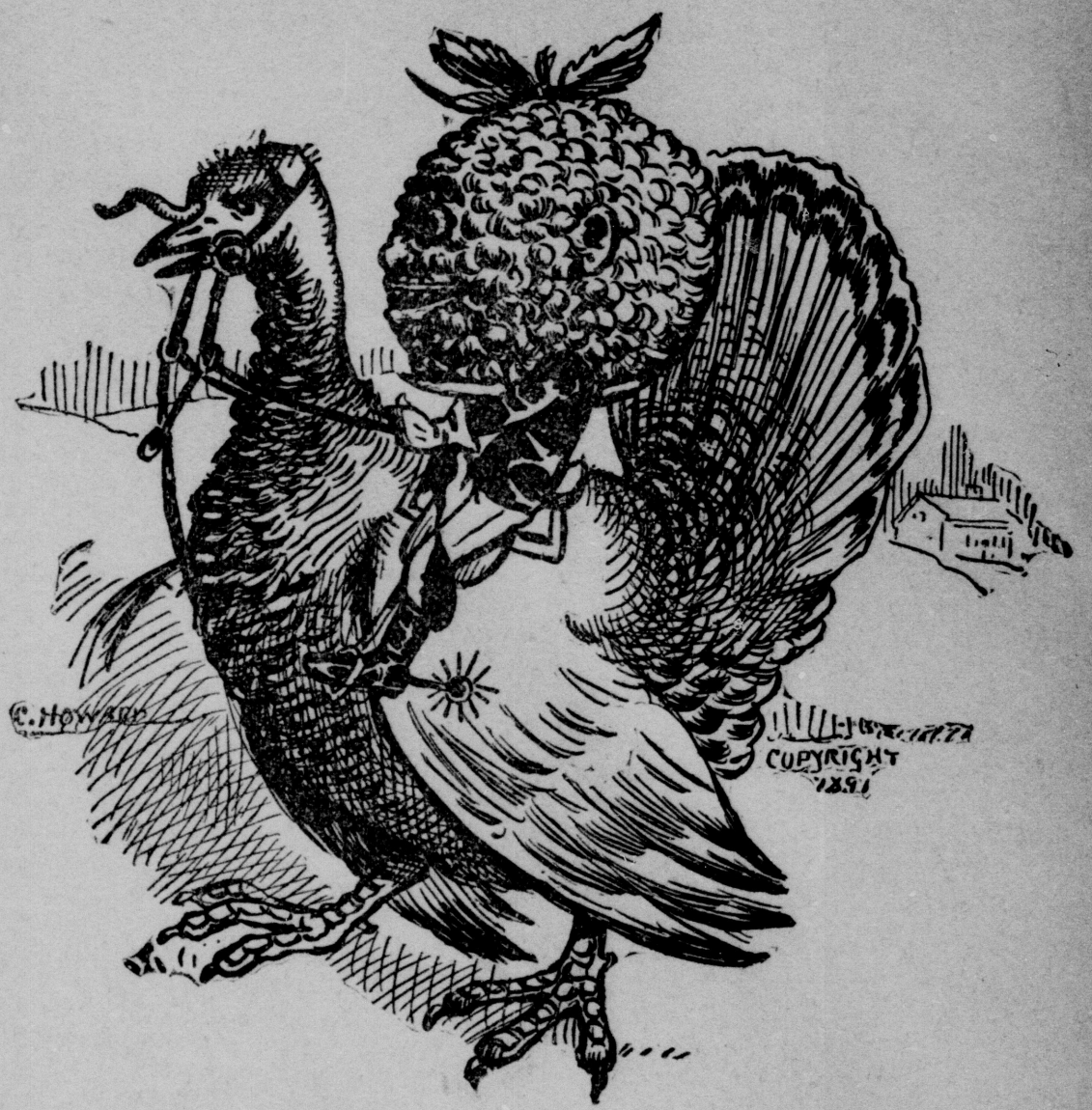
—IN A WORD WE ARE—

THE LEADERS IN EVERY RESPECT!

# ST. LOUIS CLOTHING CO.,

CORNER SECOND AND OHIO STREETS.

*I. FRENSDORF, - Manager.*



### PERSONALS.

Dr. Culp, of Clifton City, was in town to-day.

Rev. J. S. Myers returned from Marshall this morning.

H. C. Streit, of Clifton City, was a visitor in town to-day.

Samuel Sprecher and wife are seriously ill with la grippe.

John A. Collins is convalescing from an attack of the grip.

Judge W. A. Fast left for Tipton this morning on legal business.

Mrs. Ed. Demand has returned from a short visit with relatives in Smithton.

Col. John O'Day, of Springfield, passed through Sedalia this afternoon, westward bound.

Judge John Zallinger, of Cooper county, was looking up Christmas trinkets in Sedalia to-day.

H. G. Wale passed through town this morning on his way to Boonville to spend the holidays.

Leverett Leonard, president of the Missouri Farmers' Alliance, arrived in the city this morning.

Dr. C. W. Leabo, of Green Ridge, was in the city to-day, having business with the probate court.

Rev. Black, lately pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, is back after a week's absence in the east.

Mrs. Weddel, wife of Car Accountant Weddel, of the "Katy," passed through the city to Kansas City.

J. L. Thornton, the Gazette's hustling advertising representative, is at home threatened with pneumonia.

Pat Gonnors, an active and prominent young farmer from Green Ridge neighborhood, was in Sedalia to-day.

R. O. Osborne, a prominent and wealthy business man of Paris, called upon the DEMOCRAT last evening.

A. M. Poundstone, representing the Roberts tobacco company, returned last night from a successful western trip.

Sheriff James Callaway, of Henry county, passed through Sedalia last night on his way to Jefferson City on official business.

Forrest Shannon, a well known Kansas City hotel man, has returned to the mouth of the Kaw after a sojourn of several days in the city.

Miss Ella Cummings, one of Sedalia's accomplished young ladies, returned from St. Louis at 3:35 to-

day and it is safe to say that a certain real estate agent is in his glee.

Dick Morey has returned home to hang up his stocking under the paternal roof Christmas night. Dick is attending the Washington University in St. Louis.

T. P. Shadburn, traveling for the drug house of Collins Bros., St. Louis, is expected to-day as the guest of his brother, Dr. R. L. Shadburne, of the hospital staff.

Rev. R. D. Black, late pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church in Sedalia, arrived from Philadelphia last night and is busily engaged in packing up his household effects to-day preparatory to removing his family to Fort Worth, Texas.

Rev. W. R. Painter, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Rev. D. K. Steele, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Warrensburg, have resigned their charges. Both gentlemen are well known in Sedalia.

Lee W. Miller, traveling for a large Chicago clothing house, is in the city. Mr. Miller was formerly one of our most progressive citizens and, in the early days of the M. K. & T. general offices, manufactured a famous brand of cigars called the "M. K. & T."

Recorder Hanley Pilkington and Deputy Sam Rosse propose to have a novel entertainment Christmas day. They will visit a friend's farm in the western part of the county, set fire to a long grassy slough which is inhabited by rabbits and have some merry shooting as the cotton tails try to escape.

W. F. Wyman and wife, of Bellair, Cooper county, were registered at Seher's to-day, being in the city for the purpose of doing some Christmas trading. Mr. Wyman is a member of the extensive stock firm of Wyman Bros., and is one of the most popular and progressive citizens in the good county of Cooper.

### Holcomb sells Toys.

### Make Street Wider.

Officer McLee notified John Riley, this morning, that the sidewalk in course of construction in front of the property on Second and Kentucky streets was not of sufficient width and could not be completed according to present plans.

### Great Slaughter!

All kinds fresh meat and kettle rendered lard; fresh fish every Friday at Canning Bros., 1108 E. 3rd st.

Traveling sets for gentlemen at Dexter's book store.

### POLICE COURT.

The court had a sober appearance this morning, considering that the days of "Tom and Jerry" are near at hand.

Geo. Smith, for drunkenness and disturbing the peace, was fined \$1 for the first offense and \$5 for the latter. He was granted a stay for the \$5 for good behavior.

### Push the Work.

There is a quiet agitation of street improvement by the property owners on Third street from Lamine to Osage. It is the desire, as a private enterprise, to pave this part of the street with the same material used on Fifth. The street is already curbed and has a splendid foundation for paving and would require no great outlay to complete the work. It is to be hoped that the work will not stop here, as the whole street ought to be paved and would require less labor than any other street in the city.

### Colored Temperance Meeting.

Doc Gross held a temperance meeting in the colored Baptist church last night. There was a good attendance and much interest manifested in the tetotal movement.

For fine old Whisky or Brandy, etc., something good for the holidays call at Peter Pehl's.

Farmers, we will show you a fine line of goods at any price you want. Dexter's Book Store.

Don't forget us. We have groceries and feed cheap for cash every day in the year. Call! We want to see you. CONNER & GRESHAM, 612 Ohio st.

Japanese goods only shown at Dexter's Book Store.

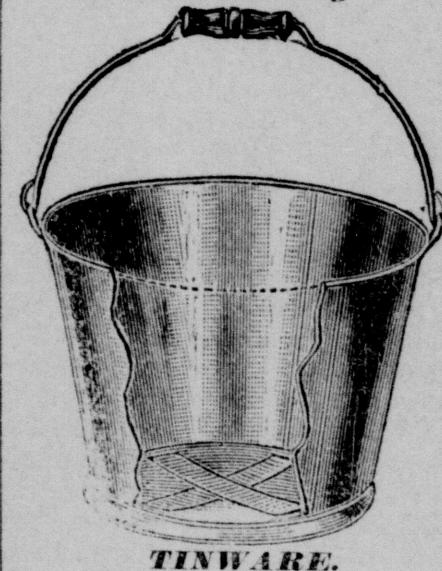
Second street was barricaded this morning but the contractors were forced to remove the obstruction by the crowd that wanted to get to Dave Emrich's in the east end of the market house to get their Christmas meats. Go and see him before you buy.

See the new album at Dexter's Book Store.

### REAL ESTATE LOANS.

I will loan, at the lowest rate of interest, and on terms to suit the borrower, sums from \$200 upward, on real-estate anywhere in Missouri. Prompt and careful attention given to all applicants for loans. 210 Ohio street, Sedalia, Mo. JOHN CASHEAN, Agent.

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MONEY—TO LOAN ON watches, guns, pistols and other personal property, 116 Ohio street, back of Globe Shoe Store. H. V. LEIST.

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Genuine New Standard Goods!

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Cheap Building Material of all kinds. OFFICE AND YARD, North of Union depot, on Kentucky st., Sedalia, Mo.

ANOTHER EAST SEDALIA SENSATION.

This Time it is a Well Known Coal Dealer.

The DEMOCRAT has not called attention to the matter heretofore, but it has been the town talk for some time that Wieman, the coal man, whose office is located at 1010 East Third street has been selling the best grades of soft coal at such low prices that unless he retains the large patronage enjoyed by him heretofore he will "go to the wall" sooner or later. He wants to sell more coal; try him. Motto: "Live and let live." Telephone 125.







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dlate for public favor. It expects  
find its greatest field of useful-  
ness among the good people of  
county.

The DEMOCRAT, as the name im-  
plies, will be an outspoken advo-  
cate of democratic principles, and  
will urge party organization as the  
means by which the success of those  
principles can be brought about.

It will endeavor to give, each  
week, the most important news from  
every section of Pettis county to-  
gether with such general news as is  
of greatest interest to its readers.

The DEMOCRAT will consist of  
eight pages of six columns each,  
cut and pasted so as to be most  
convenient for its readers. Its  
appearance as a seven column folio  
this week is occasioned by the fail-  
ure of our folder to reach us. This  
handsome machine was built for  
this paper at the Dexter Folder  
Works in Fulton, N. Y., and was  
shipped on December 5th. For  
some reason it failed to arrive in  
time for use on our first issue.

HAVING given Elkins a cabinet  
position, Harrison should find some-  
thing "equally good" for Dorsey.

JUDGE NORTON is not a candi-  
date for governor but will accept  
the democratic nomination if  
tendered him.

HILL will not be the democratic  
presidential nominee but he will  
have a great deal to say about who  
has the New York delegation.

The New York *World* refers to  
Senator Palmer, of Illinois, as a  
"presidential possibility." A pos-  
sibility? Of course he is, and a  
Reynolds one, too.

WHITING FOR SEIBERT on Monday  
Bryan, arrant for \$143,115 to meet  
na, Pay annual interest on the state  
Says has reduced her indebtedness  
\$1,450,900.

The democrats of Sedalia cannot  
afford to neglect the duty of per-  
fecting the organization of a demo-  
cratic club. Their political oppo-  
nents are already organized and at  
work and organization must be met  
with organization.

NINE democrats out of ten are in  
favor of substantial tariff reduction  
and free coinage of silver, and it is  
difficult to understand how any  
smart politician can convince him-  
self that these questions will not be  
issues in the next campaign.

There is something wrong in com-  
merce when wheat is as cheap as it  
is in this country and all Europe is  
scarce of bread. That wrong is  
the system of taxes which hamper  
trade and benefit only the favored  
classes who are thus "protected."

Gov. BOIES will lead the grand  
march at a hop given in his honor  
by the Jefferson club of Ottumwa  
on the 29th inst. Many think he  
added lead the grand march at  
gastric angratic national convention  
so two kindlection next November.  
it—bronchia

less dangerous be a lively political  
fluenza on hand next year, but  
usually need not, and will not,  
The Democrats and republicans  
of anti-pyrine and anti-febrine. As  
pneumonia influenza usually affects

ONE of the directors in the S.  
S. M. & N. railroad writes, in a  
private letter to a friend in this  
city: "Our railroad is a fixed fact."  
The DEMOCRAT is glad to hear the  
good news and certainly hopes  
every word of it will be found to be  
true.

An exchange refers to Elkins as  
a symptom. Unfortunately for the  
American people, "Elkins" is not  
a symptom merely, but a disease;  
and one, too, which is spreading  
rapidly under Ben Harrison's ad-  
ministration. A strong application  
of real democracy in the White  
House will cure the malady.

THE DEMOCRAT has met a most  
cordial reception at the hands of  
the good people of Sedalia, and for  
this the management is duly thank-  
ful. The DEMOCRAT intends to find  
its way into every home in Sedalia  
if possible and is encouraged, by its  
brief experience, to believe that the  
task is not as difficult as was antici-  
pated.

It is given out officially from the  
Russian Legation at Washington  
that in twelve provinces in Russia,  
with a population of 20,000,000,  
the people are actually starving. It  
is dreadful to think that in this  
nineteenth century millions of peo-  
ple are starving on one side of the  
ocean while granaries are bursting  
with fullness on the other side.

GEORGE MADDOX, of Nevada,  
tells the Southwest *Mail* a thrilling  
story of the war record of Steve  
Elkins, whom President Harrison  
has recently appointed secretary of  
war. Mr. Maddox says Steve serv-  
ed in Quantrell's command during  
the summer of 1862 and made a  
brave soldier and a hard fighter.  
Mr. Elkins has the distinguished  
honor of being the only one of  
Quantrell's hard fighters ever called  
to fill a cabinet position.

HON. BEN BUTTERWORTH, repub-  
lican congressman from Ohio, is  
quoted as saying: "There are more  
loafers in an American city than  
there are in all Germany." He  
could have truthfully added that  
thousands of these "loafers" were  
really men who desired to work but  
could find none because of the  
republican policy of crippling pro-  
duction by a "protective tariff" to  
encourage the investment of capital  
in naturally unproductive channels.

THE *Gazette* appears disturbed  
and anxious lest the distribution of  
public printing may disturb the  
harmony now existing among its de-  
mocratic contemporaries. If the es-  
teemed *Gazette* will sit on the grave  
of the old post office fight and pre-  
vent the appearance of that ghost  
in the republican ranks, and at the  
same time keep the peace  
between the Filley and anti-Filley  
faction, it will find its time fully oc-  
cupied. It will need its full stock  
of patience as a peace maker in  
patching up its own family quarrels.

The commencement of the new  
year should witness active work on  
the Springfield, Sedalia, Marshall  
& Northern railroad. The line is  
needed and will develop one of the  
finest mineral sections of the state  
as well as a finely timbered, well  
watered country. If President Bush  
is not able to take hold of the en-  
terprise and give it his personal at-  
tention, let the directors employ  
some competent man who will.  
The line is of too much importance  
to the section through which it  
will pass to suffer another year to  
pass without witnessing its comple-  
tion.

We do not wonder that Gov-  
ernor Francis should hesitate to  
call an extra session of the legisla-  
ture. Any one who has spent a  
winter in Jefferson City, as Gov-  
ernor Francis has, may well shrink  
from imposing that punishment  
upon others. The governor should  
remember, however, that every  
real patriot is ready to sacrifice  
comfort, and if need be life itself,  
in his country's service, and that  
not even the horror of Jefferson  
City climate and Jefferson City  
boarding houses will deter the mem-  
bers of the general assembly from  
doing their sworn duty. None of  
the evil and discomfort the mem-  
bers will have to endure will be  
charged to the governor, but will  
properly be set down as the con-  
sequence of the cabinet.  
learning on the arm of Secretary

## THE DEMOCRATIC CLUB.

Sedalia's democratic club is an  
assured fact, and the character of  
its membership clearly indicates  
that it will be a working organiza-  
tion. It is composed of earnest,  
true democrats, who will use every  
effort to spread the doctrines of  
their party and do their utmost to  
secure the success of that party at  
the polls.

The club is new and as yet does  
not include among its membership  
all who should be with it.

But the membership will increase  
until every true, working democrat  
in Sedalia and Pettis county will  
have added his name to the rolls.

This paper believes in a stalwart,  
outspoken, earnest, working dem-  
ocracy.

This paper believes in a partisan-  
ship that is earnest and sincere,  
and if need be, self-sacrificing.

If the democratic party did not  
include in its ranks the noblest,  
bravest, firmest and most steadfast  
men on earth it would have died  
long ago.

If there had not been courage  
and devotion among its members it  
would have disappeared from the  
country's history during the dark  
days when the party was reviled,  
slandered, bayoneted, hissed, spit  
upon, outlawed and disfranchised.

But democracy is right, and  
after each defeat its grand  
army of advocates only stood the  
firmer in their adherence to polit-  
ical truth until they won the respect  
even of their partisan enemies and  
the admiration of the world.

All that is necessary to make cer-  
tain a glorious victory in the city,  
county, state and union is an exhi-  
bition of the real spirit of democ-  
racy.

United and in earnest, the demo-  
cratic party has never been de-  
feated in any fair election in this  
country. It cannot be defeated in  
the future—it is invincible.

## THEY ARE ISSUES.

Both tariff reform and financial  
reform are issues affecting the com-  
ing campaign and neither can be  
disposed of or set aside by the poli-  
ticians or political leaders.

The people, and not the politi-  
cians really make the issues that are  
fought out at the ballot boxes.

What the people talk about or  
think about—the wrongs they suffer  
injustice done and benefits secured—  
are much more of serious politics  
than the mere sparring of ambitious  
politicians.

The great mass of the voting peo-  
ple, especially in the west and the  
south, feel every day of their lives  
that they are being robbed by a  
scheme which, under the guise of  
raising revenue for the government,  
really takes their hard earnings  
from them and gives it to some  
capitalist who has his money in-  
vested in "protected" industry.

There is no use to tell these peo-  
ple that the tariff is not an issue.  
They know what hurts them and  
they propose to get rid of the  
burden.

The same condition exists in re-  
gard to the question of silver coin-  
age.

Millions of American citizens feel  
that a great crime against the pub-  
lic welfare was committed when  
silver was demonetized; they feel  
that the producers of the country  
were robbed when silver was  
stricken down, and they propose to  
right the wrong as speedily as pos-  
sible.

The people will make the issues.  
The wise politician need worry  
himself only about how to meet  
them.

## SENATOR PLUMB.

The news of the sudden death of  
Senator Plumb, of Kansas, will be  
heard with sincere regret by the  
American people, regardless of their  
political affiliations.

Senator Plumb fell a victim to  
over-work, as many a public man  
has done before.

Though a Kansas republican, he  
has of late shown a strong disposi-  
tion to resent the policy of his  
party in sacrificing the  
productive industries of the west in  
the interest of the New England  
capitalists, and though he could not  
bring himself to the point of break-  
ing away from his old party asso-  
ciates, still he was looked upon as  
one who would draw the line short  
of an absolute surrender to New  
England plutocracy.

of Kansas can easi-

appointment, but it will be difficult  
to find a more faithful or efficient  
one among the republican politi-  
cians of that state.

This paper has condemned the  
disgraceful fight that was made  
against Speaker Crisp and has pro-  
tested against the unreasonable and  
unjust criticism of the Speaker and  
his supporters by democratic jour-  
nals. At the same time the DEMO-  
CRAT recognizes that the defeat of  
Mills and the election of Crisp can  
in no wise be attributed to the  
weakening of the democratic party  
on the question of tariff reform.  
Under such circumstances it will,  
in the judgment of this paper, be a  
blunder in Speaker Crisp to refuse  
Mr. Mills the chairmanship of the  
committee on ways and means. It  
was a mistake to offer Mills second  
place. His services entitle him to  
the chairmanship, and while the re-  
fusal to give him the honor he de-  
serves will not stop the battle for  
tariff reform, it will lose the speaker  
the good will of thousands of tariff  
reformers in the democratic party.

THE democratic state executive  
committee will meet in St. Louis  
early in January to hear the report  
of the committee appointed to or-  
ganize democratic clubs in the  
state.

## THE NEW ROAD.

Interest in the North and South  
Road Growing Every  
Day.

The Green Castle *Clipper* has the  
following in regard to the proposed  
north and south railroad:

Chief Engineer Armstrong has  
just returned from Centerville, Iowa,  
where he met men of business.  
Centerville has signed up the con-  
tract to complete the track from  
the Iowa line to that city. Has  
placed the cash in bank to pay the  
expense of survey. They will take  
out a charter for the Iowa end of  
the B. & N. General Drake, of  
Centerville, has gone to have a per-  
sonal conference with Russell Sage,  
of New York, in regard to the con-  
nections with the Iowa Central at  
the north. Everything is working  
nicely and smoothly. The road  
will certainly be built. Towns  
along the line that can make ar-  
rangements with the chief engineer  
to have their place made a point  
along the chartered line, had best  
be spy and make terms, if within  
their power, for if the railroad  
leaves them they will be badly left.  
The charter of course cannot be  
changed from what it now is, but  
the company has empowered the  
chief engineer to enter into written  
agreements guaranteeing such towns  
that the road will make them a  
point on the charter.

## In the Race.

An intimate friend of Mr. Dar-  
win Marmaduke, speaking yesterday  
of the latter's candidacy for gov-  
ernor said:

"Mr. Marmaduke is in the race  
for governor, and he is in to stay.  
There is no man in the state more  
widely known or with firmer friends,  
and his candidacy is meeting with  
universal approval. The people of  
Missouri know what the Marmad-  
dukes are, and those who know  
Darwin Marmaduke know him to be  
well up to the family standard.  
Darwin doesn't stand on the house-  
tops and holler; he doesn't believe  
in banners and blue lights, but he  
is making a quiet, effective canvass,  
which will bring him into the con-  
vention with strength enough to  
win. Mark my words, when the  
Marmadukes take hold of a thing  
they don't let go. Darwin has  
taken hold of the governorship,  
and you will see the result in the  
next State convention."—*Republic*.

## Effect of McKinleyism.

The same silk handkerchiefs  
which were sold in St. Louis at 25  
and 50 cents for holiday presents  
last year are sold now at 50 cents  
and \$1. And the clerks at the large  
St. Louis dry goods stores are  
kept busy trying to educate the peo-  
ple in the political economy of the  
McKinley bill. This campaign of  
education is going on all the time  
without making much noise, but it  
tells more than all the stump  
speeches.—*Republic*.

## How to Invest \$100.

A morning paper has interviewed  
a large number of very wealthy  
men on the best way to invest \$100.  
Governor-elect Flower advises that  
the surplus hundred be invested in  
a suburban lot; Henry Clews says,  
make it a nucleus of a homestead;  
Dr. Chauncey Depew declares that  
it should be banked until it becomes  
a thousand, and then put in a gilt-  
edged bond. Erastus Wiman and  
Uncle Rufus Hatch both advise  
building and loan stock. Not a few  
capitalists favor paid up life insur-  
ance.

It is now in order for some news-  
paper to interview these gentlemen  
on the best way to get \$100.—*Ex-*

## BACK IN SEDALIA.

FRED GEISINGER NOW IN THE  
COUNTY JAIL.

Sheriff Smith Arrives From Alabama  
With His Prisoner this  
Morning.

Several days after the celebration  
of German day last October, consid-  
erable surprise and curiosity was  
aroused by the sudden and unex-  
plained disappearance of Fred.  
Geisinger, a bookkeeper in the  
employ of F. E. Hoffman, the  
well known insurance man.

Geisinger was a competent and  
experienced accountant, a promi-  
nent member of the different Ger-  
man societies in the city and a  
leader in all their public entertain-  
ments. He was an enthusiast in  
athletics and occupied the position  
of drill-master in the turn-verein  
club.

It was thought by a few that he  
was living somewhat beyond his  
means, but as his dealings with his  
associations had always been  
straightforward, it was hard to be-  
lieve that he was guilty of anything  
criminal. His employer, however,  
began an investigation into his ac-  
counts and soon found that he was  
a defaulter to the amount of \$1400.  
As yet the books have not been thor-  
oughly examined and the shortage  
may exceed this amount. His  
method of securing the money was  
by endorsing checks payable to Mr.  
Hoffman, then cashing them and  
pocketing the amounts. Most of  
these irregularities occurred while  
Mr. Hoffman was absent in Colo-  
rado last summer and ranged from  
small amounts up to sums of over a  
hundred dollars each. Numerous  
small collections were also  
made in the city business without  
the authority of his firm. Shortly  
before his flight a check of over  
\$100 was secured by him and the  
money drawn.

As soon as these discrepancies  
had been found, the case was laid  
before Sheriff Ellis R. Smith and it  
is to his untiring energy and keen  
detective ability that the prisoner  
has been secured after his long  
wanderings. Through certain  
sources Sheriff Smith found that his  
man was somewhere in the  
south and he began  
to shrewdly lay his plans. A good  
description was placed in the hands  
of Birmingham, Alabama, authori-  
ties with a pointer as to where  
Geisinger would probably be found.  
His efforts were rewarded last Fri-  
day by a telegram stating that the  
party had been arrested at Bell  
Sumpter, a large mining district  
about 22 miles south  
of Birmingham. The sheriff  
made a quick trip, leaving for Ala-  
bama last Friday and arriving back  
in Sedalia early Monday morning.

The clue which led to the arrest  
shows how hard it is for the evil-  
doer to escape. It seems that  
Geisinger was first employed in a  
Birmingham barber shop and it is  
said that while there he received a  
letter from Sedalia signed "H" and  
addressed to "G", warning him to  
be on the look-out. The letter was  
accidentally dropped in the shop  
and picked up by the proprietor  
who forwarded it to Sedalia.  
Geisinger left Birmingham, but his  
whereabouts were known and he  
was soon found when the papers  
were made out for his arrest.

A DEMOCRAT reporter had a talk  
with Mr. Geisinger at the jail Monday  
afternoon. He seems much de-  
jected by his misfortune and feels  
his disgrace keenly. When ar-  
rested he was digging coal in a mine  
at Bell Sumpter and making about  
\$5 per day. He said that if he  
could have remained there a year,  
his shortage could have been re-  
paid. It began by his living a little  
beyond his means and, when once  
unable to replace the first amount  
taken, he gradually began to be-  
come deeper and deeper involved.  
Ruin and disgrace stared him in the  
face and haunted him day and  
night. Unable to stand the strain  
any longer, he fled. Early last  
summer, when his shortage  
then amounted to only about  
\$125, he sought the advice  
and aid of a prominent divine in  
the city and said that if he could  
borrow that sum he could restore  
the amount taken and start even.  
But this gentleman's assistance ex-  
tended no further than advice.  
From that time, the defalcation  
grew larger and larger.

As a member of the different  
German societies, he handled con-  
siderable money, but not a cent  
was ever diverted for his own use,  
as far as is known. In fact much  
of his own money was used to fur-  
ther their interests, particularly the  
turnverein.

He is a man of good education,  
speaking fluently German, French,  
Italian and English, and is a gradu-  
ate of the university of Munich.  
His father is minister in  
Germany and possessed of con-  
siderable wealth. Geisinger has

written him for aid and will un-  
doubtedly be assisted in his present  
trouble.

His wife and child are still in the  
city. Though married but about  
two years, his domestic life is said  
to have been very unhappy.

Fred. Geisinger is a young  
man deserving of sympathy  
and his many friends regret his cal-  
amity. Courteous, obliging and  
generous, in fact too generous, the  
evil that has come upon him is the  
result of kindness rather than any  
criminal intent on his part, so say  
his associates.

He will answer five indictments  
for grand larceny before the crim-  
inal court next April.

## VICTIMS OF LA GRIPPE.

Mortality Among Old People Reaches  
Rather Startling Figures

The increase in the number of  
deaths yesterday, says the St. Louis  
*Republic*; was as marked as the day  
before, and the mortality is said by  
Permit Clerk Jacks to be the heav-  
iest for years. The majority of  
deaths, as will be noticed in the  
permits published in another col-  
umn, are old people who have suc-  
cumbed to pneumonia or other res-  
piratory diseases, which they have  
contracted, the doctors say, through  
the gripe, that as now so severely  
afflicting all classes and conditions  
of people in the city. Physicians  
generally emphasize the necessity of  
all persons afflicted with the gripe  
remaining indoors and treating the  
disease in its incipency, else they  
may expect protracted illness later,  
with more or less serious results.  
Old people with debilitated con-  
stitutions and all who are afflicted with  
weak lungs are especially warned  
to be careful in taking care of them-  
selves during the continuation of  
this comparatively mild weather.  
Should a cold snap come it is  
thought the disease would materi-  
ally abate, if not entirely disappear.

## Ex-Confederate Association.

The Ex-Confederate Association  
of Pettis county held its regular  
annual meeting last night in the  
probate court room for the purpose  
of electing officers for the ensuing  
year. The following officers were  
duly and unanimously elected:  
President, W. S. Baker; vice-presi-  
dent, E. H. Richardson; secretary,  
Geo. B. Dent; treasurer, T. P. Hoy;

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

L. C. Gunn, chairman, E. H.  
Richardson, S. H. Green, D. M.  
Williams, S. W. Reavis, Claude  
Mitchum, John G. Senior.

Capt. R. P. Archer then ten-  
dered his resignation as an active  
member of the association on ac-  
count of his contemplated removal  
to St. Louis. Capt. Archer was then  
elected an honorary member of the  
club and the following resolutions  
were adopted:

WHEREAS, Capt. R. P. Archer  
was one of the original promoters of  
this organization and chairman of  
the executive committee, in which  
position he has always displayed  
superior administrative ability and  
proved an earnest and faithful  
worker for the benefit of the asso-  
ciation and the good of his ex-con-  
federate comrades; be it

*Resolved*, That in parting with  
Capt. Archer, this association de-  
sires that he carry to his new home,  
field and friends our best wishes for  
his future success, believing that  
those with whom he will be asso-  
ciated hereafter and who know him  
best, will fully appreciate his excel-  
lent business ability and nobleness  
of head and heart.

This association also desires to  
say that in parting with his esti-  
mable lady, Mrs. R. P. Archer, who  
was the faithful treasurer of the  
Ladies' Auxiliary and also of the  
D. O. C., the cause of the Confed-  
erate Home loses one of its most  
earnest advocates and benefactors,  
and our thanks are hereby extended  
to Mrs. Archer for the labor and  
sincere friendship which she has  
always manifested in behalf of the  
unfortunate old heroes of the cause  
which they "loved but lost." Mrs.  
Archer has rendered a full and sat-  
isfactory account of her steward-  
ship as custodian of the funds in  
her hands and turned same over to  
her successor, Mrs. Hogue, treas-  
urer pro tem. The following resolu-  
tion was then presented and unani-  
mously adopted:

*Resolved*, That this association  
tender its sincere thanks to Capt.  
E. H. Richardson for his faithful  
performance of his duties as secre-  
tary of this association for the past  
two years, and that his appointment  
on the executive committee will se-  
cure his valuable services and coun-  
sel toward the credit and advance-  
ment of the objects of our associa-  
tion.

## Jail Delivery.

Four prisoners were released from  
Pettis county's jail Tuesday: Elbert  
and Albert Ewell, negro boys who  
had served twelve days each for  
larceny; Fred Ashbrook and Wil-  
liam Burns, who had been in nine  
and sixteen days, respectively, for  
theft.

## A COMPLICATED CASE

At Clifton City, in Which two Men  
and a Jack Figure.

Robert Seals was arraigned be-  
fore C. B. Neal, Esq., of Clifton  
City, a week ago, on complaint of  
William P. Morgan, for obtaining  
property by means of false and  
fraudulent representations and state-  
ments. Mr. Morgan claims that  
some time ago he proposed to pur-  
chase a jack from Mr. Seals for  
\$500, payable in two notes, one for  
\$200 and the other for \$300, both  
payable one year after date. Mr.  
Seals agreed that if he could use  
the notes in Monroe county, he  
would place them and come back  
and deliver the jack to Mr. Mc-  
gan. When he returned he inform-  
ed Mr. Morgan that he could not  
use the notes and notified him that  
the trade was off. Mr. Morgan asked  
for the notes, but Mr. Seals told  
him that he had left them in his  
desk, in Monroe county, and would  
get them the first time he went over  
and would then give them up to  
Mr. Morgan. Mr. Morgan, not be-  
ing satisfied with the situation,  
made an investigation and found  
that Mr. Seals had hypothecated the  
notes—one in Howard county and  
the other in Monroe county. Mr.  
Morgan then demanded of Mr.  
Seals to either deliver the jack or  
the notes. Mr. Seals refused to do  
either. Mr. Morgan then had him  
arrested on a charge of obtaining  
goods under false pretenses. The  
case was set for a preliminary hear-  
ing before Squire Neal. On ac-  
count of an absent witness the case  
was postponed till Tuesday. While  
the parties were before Squire Neal  
on this matter, the sheriff from  
Monroe county appeared with a  
warrant for Mr. Morgan, sworn out  
by a Mr. Utterback, of Monroe  
county, on precisely the same  
charge as was preferred against Mr.  
Seals. Mr. Morgan was very much  
surprised at being arrested on such  
a charge, but went with the sheriff.

## Smith saw Smith.

While in Birmingham, Alabama,  
on official business a few days ago,  
Sheriff Ellis R. Smith, of Sedalia,  
had the pleasure of meeting his  
famous namesake, Sheriff Smith,  
whose name became so widely  
known a year or two ago  
in connection with the terrible jail  
riot at Birmingham, in which quite  
a number of persons lost their lives.  
Sheriff Smith, of Missouri, was not  
greatly impressed with the amia-  
bility of the sheriff of Alabama.

## Chief of Marine Revenue.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The  
President sent to the senate to-day  
the nomination of Mark W. Harri-  
gan, of Michigan, to be chief of  
the revenue marine.

## TRUSTEES' SALE.—Whereas,

L. F. Sheldon and Anna R. Sheldon  
his wife, by their certain deed of trust dated  
the 3rd day of March, 1890, and recorded at  
page 27 in deed of trust record 69, in the  
recorder's office of Pettis county, Missouri,  
conveyed to the undersigned, as trustee, the  
following described property in Pettis  
county, Mo., to-wit:

Beginning at the northeast corner of the  
northwest quarter of the southwest quarter  
of the northeast quarter of section nine,  
township forty-five, range twenty-one,  
thence south ten poles, thence west twenty  
poles, thence north ten poles, thence east  
twenty poles to the beginning, being one and  
one-quarter acres; also, beginning forty  
poles south of the northwest corner of the  
southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of  
section nine, township forty-five, range  
twenty-one, thence south twenty poles,  
thence east forty poles, thence west twenty  
poles, thence north twenty poles, to the  
beginning, except the following: Begin-  
ning twenty poles east and forty poles south  
of the northwest corner of the southwest quar-  
ter of the northeast quarter of said section  
nine, thence south ten poles, thence east  
twenty poles, thence north ten poles, thence  
west twenty poles to the beginning; in trust  
to secure the payment and performance of  
the note and obligation set forth in said  
deed of trust in favor of the Equitable Loan  
& Investment Association of Sedalia, Mis-  
souri; and whereas, default has been made  
in the payment and performance of said  
note and obligation according to the terms  
and conditions thereof; and whereas, by  
virtue of the provision of said deed of trust  
the whole of said note and obligation has be-  
come due and payable according to the elec-  
tion made and expressed by the Equitable  
Loan and Investment Association of Sedalia,  
Missouri, which is now the legal owner and  
holder of said obligation. Now, therefore,  
at the request of the said holder of said note  
and obligation I, the undersigned, trustee,  
will on

MONDAY, THE 25th DAY OF JAN-  
UARY, 1892,

offer for sale at public venue at the court  
house door in Sedalia, in Pettis county, Mis-  
souri, to the highest bidder for cash, the  
above described real estate, to satisfy the  
said note or obligation and the interest there-  
on and the costs of executing this trust.

W. F. HANSBERGER, Trustee.

## D. E. KENNEDY,



## THE COMMITTEES.

**SPRINGER GETS ROGER Q. MILLS, PLACE ON THE WAYS AND MEANS.**

**Silver Dick Bland Gets His Old Place on Coinage, Weights and Measures.**

**Missouri Honored With Three Chairmanships of Important Committees.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—It is now conceded to be almost a certainty that the speaker will announce the committees of the house to-morrow. The speaker has so far progressed with his work that chairmanships of twenty committees can be given. The list which follows may be changed in one or two instances before noon to-morrow, but this is not considered likely. As at present determined upon, chairmanships will be given as follows: Elections, Charles T. O'Ferrall, Virginia; ways and means, William M. Springer, Illinois; appropriations, William S. Holman, Indiana; judiciary, David B. Culberson, Texas; banking and currency, William Haynes, Ohio; coinage, weights and measures, Richard P. Bland, Missouri; interstate and foreign commerce, R. Q. Mills, Texas; rivers and harbors, Newton C. Blanchard, Louisiana; merchant marine and fisheries, Amos J. Cummings, New York; agriculture, Wm. H. Hatch, Missouri; foreign affairs, James H. Blount, Georgia; military affairs, Joseph Outhwaite, Ohio; naval affairs, H. A. Herbert, Alabama; public lands, Thos. C. McRea, Arkansas; war claims, F. E. Beltzover, Pennsylvania; district of Columbia, John J. Hemphill, South Carolina; postoffice and post-roads, John S. Henderson, of North Carolina; Pacific railroads, James B. Reilly, Pennsylvania; Columbian exposition, A. C. Duburrow, Illinois; expenditures in post-office department, R. P. C. Wilson, Missouri.

### Proceedings in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—In the senate the usual grist of petitions, memorials and private bills were presented this morning. Senator Gibson introduced a bill appropriating ten million dollars to build, extend and repair dykes, and for other improvements on the Mississippi river. House resolution providing for adjournment until January 5, 1892 and for payment of salaries of capitol employes before Christmas were agreed. On motion of Senator Collum, the senate proceeded to consideration of executive business.

### Committees Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The following committees are announced: Committee on elections: Chas. T. O'Ferrall, (Va.), chairman; Moore, Cobb, Painter, J. B. Brown, Lockwood, Lawson, Gillespie, Johnston, Haughen, Taylor, Doane, Johnson, Reyburn and Clark. Ways and means: Springer, chairman; McMillan, Turner, Wilson, Montgomery, Whiting, Shively, Cochran, Stevens, Bryan, Reece, Burroughs, McKenna, Payne and Dalzel. Appropriations: Holman, chairman; Forney, Sayres, Breckenridge of (Ky.), Dockery, Muchier, Breckenridge of (Ark.), Compton, O'Neil, Livingstone, Henderson, Cogswell, Bingham, Digley and Grout.

### LA GRIPPE IN AUSTRIA.

**Three Forms of the Disease Spreading Devastation.**

VIENNA, Dec. 21.—La Grippe still puzzles the scientists. The alarming spread of the disease, and the extraordinary mortality attending its ravages, cannot be accounted for apparently. Prof. Nothnagel, the court physician, in a lecture on the peculiar phases of the disease, traced its origin as far back as the ninth century, history showing that it recurs three or four years with varying intensity and then dies out for a period of twenty or more years.

The professor expressed the belief, based on experience, that those who have once had the disease are not proof against subsequent attacks, although less liable to infection.

The learned gentleman knows of to remedy for it, in spite of all assertions to the contrary. The disease still remains a puzzle to the doctors.

There are three kinds of influenza added Prof. Nothnagel, nervous, gastric and catarrhal. There are also two kinds of diseases that follow it—bronchial pneumonia, which is less dangerous than the genuine influenza and pneumonia, which usually attacks the heart.

The professor was emphatic in warning his hearers against the use of anti-pyrine and anti-febrine. As pneumonia influenza usually affects

the cardiac muscle, it is desirable to employ such stimulants as digitalis, wine and cognac, with subcutaneous injections of camphor and, in some cases, baths.

### OPERATORS EXPELLED.

**Charged With Violating Rules of the Board.**

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 23.—Kennett & Hopkins, well known board of trade operators, were suspended from the floor of the exchange, by the directors of the board yesterday for violation of the rules. This firm, with a number of others, was charged with sending continuous quotations from the floor. The case against them was sustained and suspension was the penalty imposed. Mr. Kennett claims it is a farce, and for political purposes, etc., as an election is at hand.

## SENATOR PLUMB

**STRICKEN BY APOPLEXY IN HIS WASHINGTON HOME.**

**Doctors Had Warned Him That Overwork Would Kill Him, But He Kept On.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—"Oh, my God! my head, my head, my head!" said Senator Preston B. Plumb, who, as a representative of the state of Kansas in the United States Senate continuously since 1876, has occupied a prominent place in the councils of the Republican party. A few minutes after and he fell unconscious, never to regain knowledge of what was going on about him. It was a quarter to 7 o'clock this morning when he uttered this exclamation. A little more than five hours later, the broad-framed, powerful looking Kansas Senator was stretched out dead in his modest apartments on Fourteenth street. His physician, Dr. Philip Wales; his clerk, B. W. Fleniken, and his landlord, Mr. Jennings, were with him to the end. His wife and two children are in Kansas.

Death came from apoplexy, the result of exhaustion of the brain. It was a clear case of overwork and inattention to the laws of nature. The Senator has been known for years as the most pushing, energetic hard-working member of the Senate. A year ago he began to fail. His brain became affected, and throbbing headaches became more and more frequent. His physicians warned him that continuance of his labors meant death, but he refused to heed their warning. He continued to work with the energy of a steam-engine, and to-day, when still apparently in full vigor and with many years of life before him, he died.

### A SOLEMN SESSION.

**Imposing Funeral Services in the United States Senate Chamber.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—The body of the late Senator Plumb was removed from his apartments and placed in the marble room of the senate. Flags on the Capitol are at half mast, and the main entrance to the senate is appropriately decorated with crepe. Inside the senate chamber additional seats have been provided for those invited to attend service, whilst chairs have been placed in front of Vice-President Morton's desk to accommodate the president, members of the cabinet and the supreme court. The chair lately occupied by the dead senator and his desk are heavily draped with black.

Senate reading of journal was dispensed with by unanimous consent. Senator Peffer then announced in a few eloquent and feeling remarks the death of his colleague, Senator Plumb. Immediately after the conclusion of his address he sent to the clerk's desk a copy of formal resolutions conveying official announcement of Plumb's death and requesting the president of the senate to appoint a committee to accompany the body to Kansas. The vice-president announced the following committee: Peffer, Dolph, Paddock, Ransom and Palmer. Senator Manderson then offered a resolution providing that the expenses of the committee should be taken from the contingent fund. Upon motion of Senator Sherman a recess was then taken until one o'clock, at which time the funeral services were held.

At one o'clock the senate re-assembled and in a few moments afterwards the sergeant-at-arms announced the members of the house who were ushered in and seated on the right of the chamber. Then came the diplomatic corps headed by Sir Julian Pauncefote, British minister. Next in order were members of the supreme court in their official robes, who in turn were followed by the president and members of the cabinet. The president was leaning on the arm of Secretary

Blaine. A few moments after 2 o'clock the funeral procession entered the chamber. The chaplain of the senate proceeded to read the Episcopal service for the dead. Immediately behind came the committee. The casket was borne by a squad of capitol police. The casket was covered with black cloth with silver trimmings and was buried beneath beautiful flowers, conspicuous among which was a floral piece of yellow roses inscribed "Loyal Legion." At the conclusion of the services the body was taken to the depot and will be sent to the late senator's home, Emporia, Kas.

### Speaker Crisp Has the Grip.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Speaker Crisp came up to the Capitol to-day to attend the funeral ceremonies over the body of the late Senator Plumb. It was against the advice of his physician, who urged him to stay indoors. The Speaker's health is not improving, but he continues diligently at work on the committees. He is suffering from a heavy cold and the grip, aggravated by the fatigue of his canvass and work on the committees of the house.

### WAR IN BRAZIL.

**Town of Santa Victoria Attacked.**

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Santiago says General Campo with a small force has attacked the town of Santa Victoria in the province of Rio Grande de Sul, Brazil. Telegraph wires, he adds, have been cut and the result of the engagement is unknown.

## FIXING FOR WAR.

**THE GOVERNMENT TO BUY SEVERAL FAST VESSELS.**

**Believed to be in Preparation for War With Chili.**

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 21.—Admiral Brown has secured an option on the new and powerful tug "Fearless." She has a speed of sixteen knots per hour for fifty days. If purchased by the government, she will be supplied with two five inch guns and a secondary battery of four six pounders and four torpedo tubes. The Admiral has also secured option on four of Shreckels' big steamers to be used for transport service in a short time. The San Francisco will probably sail on Wednesday for Valparaiso. This looks like preparations for war with Chili.

### BIG LONDON FIRE.

**An Entire Block Destroyed and Many Thrown Out of Employment.**

LONDON, Dec. 23.—An entire block was destroyed by fire this morning in Shepherd's Walk, this city. The loss was very heavy and many people were thrown out of work.

**May be Appointed a Commissioner.**

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 21.—The announcement of the prospective appointment by the President of Hon. Jere C. Cravens of this city, as one of the members of the Board of Interstate Commerce Commissioners is received with much gratification by his host of friends, regardless of party. Major Cravens has been one of the most prominent democrats of the state for years, an able lawyer and jurist, and his appointment would meet with the hearty approval of the entire south-west.

### A Gourmand's Death.

MERCER, Mo., Dec. 22.—Sunday night Robert Severns, proprietor of a lively stable, who has been noted as the heaviest eater in this part of the state, made a wager that he could eat four cans of salmon in thirty minutes without crackers, the price of the salmon being the forfeit. He finished the fourth can in twenty-eight minutes and a half. He then called for a cigar, lit it and started out of the door. Just as he got to the door he dropped dead. The parties who made the wager are under arrest.

### Charged With Grand Larceny.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The grand jury brought in two new indictments this afternoon against Edward M. Fields. Both indictments charge him with grand larceny in the first degree. The indictments brought in to-day are based upon transactions by Field which occurred early in November. Field is in bed in jail and is very weak. He refuses to take food.

### Mills Burned.

DETROIT, MICH., Dec. 23.—The Union flouring mills were destroyed by fire this morning. Loss estimated at one hundred thousand dollars. Insured.

### Walt Whitman Dying.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 22.—Walt Whitman is to-day in a most critical stage and Dr. McAllister says there is no further ground for hope.

## THIRTY KILLED.

**DYNAMITE DOES DEADLY WORK AT ANTWERP.**

**A LIGHTER WRECKED BY THE EXPLOSION AND THIRTY LIVES LOST.**

**The Fragments of Human Bodies Scattered in All Directions.**

ANTWERP, Dec. 23.—While the French lugger Pilot was discharging her cargo into a lighter in the harbor this morning there was a terrific explosion which startled the entire city and caused many to believe an earthquake had occurred. Investigation showed the lighter to have been completely wrecked and sunk by the explosion of dynamite. All of her upper part was blown into fragments. There were twenty men at work on the lighter. The horrors of the scene were indescribable. Fragments of human arms and legs were scattered in all directions. It is impossible to tell how many were killed. Men were either killed outright or blown into the water and drowned. It is thought a package of dynamite which the men were handling, dropped on the deck of the lighter and caused the explosion. It is now estimated that thirty lives were lost. Immense crowds gathered at the docks and a strong police force was put on duty at the scene of the accident to preserve order and assist the working parties to secure the victims.

### Entombed Alive.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 23.—Slope No. 2, of Luke Fiddler collier is choked up with immense mass rock which caved in last night.

One of the miners, Anthony Socha, is in one of the chambers and it is also feared two of the night shift men are also buried. The scene of the accident is two miles beneath the surface of the earth. A force of men are hard at work clearing away the rock and earth in order to rescue the imprisoned miners.

### Buried in One Grave.

CLINTON, Mo., Dec. 22.—The remains of Casper Altringer and wife will be buried in one grave to-morrow. Their ages were respectively 67 and 55, and they had been married forty years. The wife died twenty-four hours before her husband.

### Postoffice Robbed.

CATLETSBURG, Ky., Dec. 23.—Thieves robbed the postoffice here last night of \$600 in stamps and cash.

### Walt Whitman no Better.

CAMDEN, Mo., Dec. 23.—There is no improvement in the condition of Walt Whitman. Death may occur at any time.

### TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

The Greenville, Miss., bank failed Tuesday.

Jerome I. Case, the millionaire manufacturer and owner of the celebrated horse Jay-Eye-See, died Tuesday.

Colonel R. S. Strader, one of the best known horsemen in the country, died at his home near Lexington, Kentucky, Tuesday.

Garza, the Mexican bandit and revolutionist, is said to have captured a detachment of United States soldiers near Fort McIntosh.

John Brannan, of Huntington, Ind., who was thought to have been murdered, has returned to his home. He wanted to be romantic.

According to a decision rendered by Judge Burson in Wabash, Ind., Indiana may be unable to prevent companies from piping natural gas to Chicago.

The Jackson club of Columbus, O., sat down very hard on an attempt to launch the Hill boom in Ohio at the club banquet in Columbus, January 8, next.

Presiding Elder Reeves was egged on Sunday night at Millersburg, Ky., by a party of men who were incensed at Rev. Reeves for his action in removing the Millersburg Male college to Winchester.

A diabolical crime is reported from Choccolocco, Ala. Thursday night last, masked men broke into the home of a white man named Bowers, and after beating him into a state of insensibility subjected Mrs. Bowers to the most fiendish treatment. Bowers has since died and his wife is in a critical condition. No arrests have yet been made.

### Nor His Whiskers.

The democratic party is beset by the Philistines just at present. But the Samson hasn't had his hair cut yet.—*Republic*.

"Rev. J. Weih, German pastor," of New York, has for a year been stealing industriously from the churches of the city, and had a room full with articles so obtained, apparently stolen for pleasure.

## BEAUTY AND UTILITY.

**What Modern Methods and Modern Men are Doing For Comfort and Pleasure.**

In those days it is needless for any man to be without the little elegancies which add so much to the pleasures of life. Comfort is first, and the modern necessities are all made to provide comfort. To such a science has the manufacture of furniture been reduced that comfort, beauty, even elegance, are all combined at a cost no greater than the bare necessities alone have hitherto reached.

S. C. Gold is one of the men of modern to-day who sees the advantage of doing business in modern ways. He carries by far the most complete lines and at less prices than are to be found anywhere else in Missouri. He buys direct from the factories and takes advantage of all opportunities to give his customers the benefit of his first prices.

It is only necessary to price his stock after a careful comparative examination to see that by buying at first hands and paying spot cash he has brought the price of good furniture lower in Sedalia than it has ever before been.

He will be glad to have you call and look through his Mammoth Furniture House at 118 and 120 East Third. Many useful and beautiful articles for presents can be found, and whether or not you buy it will pay you to look.

### CHRISTIANITY ASSAILED.

**Many Copies of a Vile Book Circulated Throughout China.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Advices by steamship City of Pekin state that it has been definitely ascertained that Chon Han, a retired Tao Tai of Changsha, in Hunan, has issued thousands of vile books assailing christianity and scattered them through the province along the river. It is known he had emissaries and sent out 800,000 of these books. The contents are described as too vile for belief. They contain all the worst charges ever made against christianity. They are infinitely more mischievous than former works, because they are not written in the Mandarin dialect, but in the vernacular of the people. Yet, although five people in Huangpia are to be punished for selling the books, the author and his friends have not been prosecuted. In fact, they are understood to laugh at any foreign attempt to bring them to justice as the cause of rioting.

### The Governor Still Considering.

Gov. Francis came down from Jefferson City this morning with Attorney General Wood to look after a case in the circuit court in which the state is deeply interested. When seen by a *Post-Dispatch* representative the governor was asked if he had reached a conclusion regarding the special session. "I have not," was his reply. "Despite the various reports that have been in circulation I have not yet fully decided what to do in the premises." Referring to his recent trip in Kansas City, Carthage, Boonville and other points in the state, Gov. Francis said: "I found everything in a prosperous shape everywhere I went." Again referring to the prospect of a special session to redistrict the state, the governor said he did not know when he would be able to give his final decision.—*Post-Dispatch*.

### Resolutions.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to call from this world the wife of Brother John J. Lowery, and that in her death he has lost a devoted and affectionate wife, and his child a loving and Christian mother; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we, the members of Hughesville Lodge, No. 340, A. O. U. W., brothers in C. H. & P., tender to him, our beloved brother, our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the trying hour of his affliction.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be forwarded to Brother Lowery and a copy furnished the *Overseer* and Sedalia papers.

M. McGRUDER,  
T. N. CALLIS, } Com.  
J. W. HARRIS.

Hughesville, Mo., Dec. 23, '91.

### And This Under the McKinley Bill.

The mercantile failures continue to increase from week to week aggregating 380 in the United States for this week against 306 last week and 341 in the like week last year. The total number of failures in the United States January 1 to date, is 11,620 as compared with 9,842 in a like portion of 1890.—*Bradstreet's*, December 12, 1891.

### Taken to Tusculum.

Clyde Thompson, who is charged with recently libelling Martha and Belle Shipman, of Tusculum, Mo., was arrested in Sedalia Tuesday afternoon and taken back to Miller county, his former home, by Sheriff Ellis R. Smith last night.

## STORIES OF WITCHES.

**A PENNSYLVANIA COMMUNITY GREATLY EXCITED.**

**TOWNS SAID TO BE UNDER THE "SPELL" OF "HEX."**

**Voodoo Doctors Who Take Advantage of an Unfortunate Hallucination That Seems to Control Two Towns—Some Queer Illusions.**

A veritable nest or hot-bed of witches and witchcraft is supposed to exist among the stony hills of Earl and Douglass townships, eight miles east of Reading, Pa. Strange as the statement may look in modern type, belief in this exploded delusion forms to-day as important an element in the life of the humble farmers there as it did in the Salem colony fanatics of the seventeenth century. "Spells," "influences," "magnetism," "witchery" and the "evil eye" seem actually to pursue these people by day and haunt them by night, even exercising a more beneficial influence than does voodooism in the black belt of the Southern States. What is worse, moreover, is the fact that half a dozen "witch doctors" in Reading carry on a nefarious practice among them, and seek to promote their own profit by fostering the strange error and extending it to other neighborhoods. Tragic events have resulted from it within the past three months, and still more serious consequences may be looked for in the near future.

Half a dozen families live within sight of one another in that wild locality, Greshville, the nearest village, two miles away. The houses and farm buildings are uniformly of stone, as are the fences inclosing the fields. Much sickness has prevailed thereabout of late. For miles around persons suffering from various illnesses contend that they have had spells, which ordinary physicians cannot cure, cast upon them by malevolent "hexes," or witches residing near by. In one of these stone houses live a respectable and estimable couple, a middle-aged farmer and his wife. She is an invalid from an affection of the throat and lungs, and in consequence keeps a handkerchief tied around her head and bound over her mouth to prevent her from catching cold. She is a case of causing much of the sickness and suffering complained of, and her neighbors say the white band over her mouth marks her as a witch. They point the finger of scorn at her and remark to one another in whispers, "Look out, she's a hex!"

A few days ago a one-year-old child near by died of a mysterious malady and this good lady was blamed for its death. Another child became lame in a curious way and tacks and pins were found inside of its shoe, whereupon the neighbors insisted that the innocent woman had put an evil spell on the child. A sick woman three houses away alleges that she is tortured bodily and mentally every night by this same lady in conjunction with another old lady living a short distance off. The reputed "hex" is even held accountable for the diseases of people whom she never knew. Her aged mother, who died some years ago, was likewise accused of "witchery" in her time, and the calumnies against her are now transferred to her daughter. They are liable to drive the poor lady to self-destruction if they continue.

This unfortunate woman herself, although she energetically disavows all belief in witchcraft and takes ordinarily like an enlightened Christian, yet strangely enough entertains the idea, whimsical if you please, that somebody has maliciously bewitched her pet cow. "That cow," said she, one day to a reporter, "has behaved ever so queerly of late. She is mysteriously milked every night in the stable, but by what or by whom I don't know. She used to be very gentle, but now she holds her head high in the air, looks wildly out of her eyes and runs and jumps fences like all-possessed, like a wild



animal. I don't know what's after her, but something certainly is."

A few rods away lives another woman, who relates that her husband was recently troubled by what he at first thought to be rheumatism, as he did not believe in witchcraft. He had been ailing all summer and was curiously afflicted. Each evening he felt perfectly well and active, but in the mornings he would be stiff all over and could not move. Three weeks ago he visited a Reading "witch doctor" who declared that he had been "magnetized," gave him some powders and cautioned him particularly against giving or receiving anything from any of the neighbors, or talking to any one suspected of magnetizing him for the space of nine days. The husband did as directed, obeying the "doctor's" injunctions carefully, although several neighbors wanted him to receive things from them, and now he is entirely restored. "My husband," said this woman, "was surely under a spell. I know it, and I know, too, who's to blame for it. It's an old woman who lives yonder, across the hillside there. She's a hex."

The same Reading "witch doctor" is credited with curing a 13-year-old girl near Colebrookdale station, five miles northward, of a similar case of stiff "magnetism." A poor widow, near Greshville, who lost her voice last spring, and who was told by a Reading "witch doctor" that, being "magnetized," the "influence" would have to be removed from her, else it would kill her, has again lost her voice, after a temporary recovery, and now is hourly in fear of

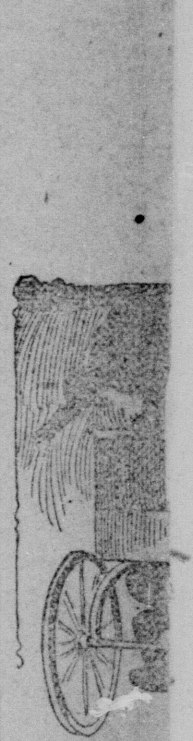
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gifts and Christmas dinners are almost entirely out of their reach. It is not often that the fair young ladies of a city band together for works of love and kindness. Such things are left to the matrons. But Sedalia is different from all other towns, and Sedalia's dear girls are incomparably superior to all other girls, God bless them, and their work will bring benefits to them which will follow them all the days of their lives.

THE Filley and anti-Filley fight is again breaking out in the republican league of the state. It is charged that the anti-Filley crowd schemed to pack the meeting to be held in this city on February 12th in the interest of Harrison and against "de old man," but somehow the plan did not work and it was found that with the St. Louis boss left out the enthusiasm had all evaporated; so that when the great secret conference was held preparatory to attending Filley's funeral, only five of the twenty-eight members of the executive committee were present and despondency characterized all the proceedings of the meeting. The "committee," however, decided to hold the state meeting in this city on February 12th, and it is probable that the Filley faction will be on hand with a full stock of "harmony."

## PROPHETS OF EVIL.

It is but natural that there should be disappointed ambitions, heart burnings and jealousies as the result of a contest like that which ended with the election of Hon. Charles F. Crisp to the speakership.

But the wholesale abuse and vilification of party leaders indulged in by some of the most pretentious journals in the state is discreditable in the extreme.

From being doughty champions of the democratic party, they at once became prophets of evil, predicting all sorts of dire disaster, and seemingly sought every opportunity to manufacture campaign material for the enemy.

This course was scarcely less unfair to Mr. Mills than to Mr. Crisp. These gentlemen, both honest, able and worthy Democrats, had made an honorable fight for the prize.

A majority of the representatives of democratic districts favored Mr. Crisp, on the ground simply of what they believed to be superior personal fitness for the place.

Mills' defeat was not due to any suspicion of his zeal as a democrat or his integrity as a man, and that defeat was in no sense discreditable to him. He had the advantage of having been the party leader on a great popular question, but his defeat in no sense means an abandonment of that issue, for upon that question his successful rival entertains views entirely in harmony with the masses of the party. Mr. Crisp made numerous speeches in Missouri and other strong tariff reform states, and everywhere he voiced the democratic sentiment against that crowning iniquity of the Republican party, the robber tariff.

He numbered among his supporters many of the ablest and safest party leaders—men whose fealty to the party doctrine has never before been questioned. These prophets of evil, who vainly imagine that they possess a monopoly of the wisdom and honesty in discussions and reviews are able and interesting. The DEMOCRAT heartily commends the Review of Reviews in behalf of its worth and usefulness.

## LET US ORGANIZE.

There is a pressing need just now for a thorough and efficient organization of the democratic party, not only in Sedalia and Pettis county, but throughout the state.

Organization is the spirit of the times.

We see this illustrated in business affairs, in the professions and even in religious matters.

The largest measure of success in any business or avocation can only be secured by intelligent organization and unity of action on the part of those who have a common purpose.

This is particularly and especially true in politics.

Recognizing this fact, a number of the democrats of this city have decided to organize a permanent democratic club for the purpose of

disseminating democratic principles and aiding in bringing about democratic success at the polls.

This is a work that should receive the aid and encouragement of every democrat in the city and county.

The common enemy is at work day and night perfecting its organization for the coming battle of the ballots, and, to make its defeat as sweeping as possible, we must meet work with work and organization with organization.

As the future capital and political headquarters of the state, the eyes of the Missouri democracy are on Sedalia, and the men who have so often borne the banner of the party in its fiercest contests are expected to give a good account of themselves in the coming campaign.

A sweeping victory in city and county next year will go far toward securing the prize that is so ardently desired by every Sedalian, and the only absolutely sure plan of securing that victory is to organize for the fray.

Let every democrat in Sedalia join the club, and then let the organization spread to every township in Pettis county and every county in the state.

## THE NEW JAIL.

THE DEMOCRAT does not approve of wasteful expenditure of public money, but favors at all times rigid and wise economy.

But public money, like private funds, should be spent with discretion and wisdom.

When the need for a public improvement exists, it is the part of wisdom to supply that need and it is real economy to supply it with the best attainable.

Pettis county does need a new jail, and it is economy to build one large enough and substantial enough to serve its purposes for a long term of years.

It is economy, too, to provide a prison with all necessary safeguards against escape, and with facilities for working prisoners.

The sum proposed with which to make this needed improvement is none too large and the enterprising people of Pettis county will vote it by an overwhelming majority.

IF ROGER Q. MILLS is not made chairman of the ways and means committee it will be because he has consented to represent the state of Texas in the United States senate, and not because of any weakening of the Democratic party on the tariff reform issue. Mr. Mills may feel inclined to decline the honor of leading the tariff fight in the House, but that honor will not be denied him if he remains in a position to accept it.

An attractive advertisement in an attractive paper is read by nearly every feminine reader of the paper, and by many of the sterner sex as well. The greatest value of advertising is to familiarize the reader with the advertiser's name in connection with his business. Advertising pays, but money may be easily wasted by injudicious advertisements.

## Went to See the President.

"I want to see the President of the United States," said Mr. Henry W. Ewing of Jefferson City as he stepped into the White House.

"What name?" said the ignorant janitor.

"Ewing," said the Missourian.

"Mr. President," said the janitor, "Mr. Ewing of Ohio is at the outer door and desires an audience."

"Admit him at once."

"Mr. President," said Mr. Ewing when he had been ushered into the royal presence, "I represent the great state of Missouri—"

"What state?"

"The state of Missouri. I regret that I know so little about our most prominent statesman, Colonel Abe lupsky, but—"

"I thought you said you were from Ohio. My understanding was that you are a nephew of the General Thomas L. Ewing of Ohio, who issued the famous Order No. 11 and otherwise did so much to make Colonel Abe Slupsky a possibility."

"I am very sorry, Mr. President, but I live in Missouri and have forgotten all about Order No. 11."

"Next," said the President.

"Dadburn it," said Mr. Ewing as he passed outside the portals, "he must think he's running a barber shop."

And that was the end of the interview between the President and the famous Missourian.—Republic.

## SEDALIA PAPERS.

## A SHORT SKETCH OF VARIOUS JOURNALISTIC VENTURES.

The Untiring Efforts to Establish the "Long Needed" Paper, and Many Failures Recorded.

Journalism is remarkable for the Micawber-like assurance of its followers and the fact that someone is always ready to risk his last dollar in establishing the "long-needed" newspaper conducted upon a plan peculiar to himself, and for which the people have been clamoring. Experience, however, is usually not slow in showing that literary brains and business brains are most often separate and distinct, and that prosperity is secured to the extent of successfully combining the two. The pen capable of an editorial philippic can seldom write the balance on the right side of the ledger.

The newspaper ventures in Sedalia have been many and their failure have been a practical demonstration of what is said above. Several lived through many years of usefulness and prosperity, but a total collapse of the editor's pocket—a kind of galloping consumption—was the unhappy end of the great majority. It is difficult to get a complete list of the different papers, the "oldest inhabitants" being very uncertain as to exact dates.

The pioneer newspaper of Sedalia was the *The Pacific Enterprise*, started in 1863, with W. P. Baker as editor and proprietor. The first office was in the bar of the old Cloney, Crawford & Co. building, corner of Main and Kentucky. In those times, editors were often disciples of Isaac Walton, and Baker must have been one of them, as the paper sometimes missed publication. Lack of patronage caused its suspension in July, 1864.

Lingle Bros., now of the Clinton Democrat commenced the *Sedalia Advertiser* in August, 1864. It was democratic in politics, 22x32 in size, and experienced much trouble in appearing regularly on account of marauding troops cutting off supplies by tearing up the track of the Missouri Pacific railway. P. G. Stafford and James G. Magann purchased the *Advertiser* plant, made it republican in politics and in March, 1865, issued it as the *The Sedalia Weekly Times*. The paper was enlarged and in 1866 Mr. Stafford retired, to be succeeded by Perry Hawes. In March, 1868, Gen. Bacon Montgomery took Magann's place and remained until February, 1869. Shortly afterwards, J. M. Godman, F. A. and A. J. Sampson, the latter, now United States consul at Jaurez, Mexico, bought the paper and enlarged it. C. M. Walker, fifth auditor of the treasury during the war, purchased the property in about a year and conducted the business with varying fortune until June, 1872, when the paper reverted to its former owners. Walker was one of the most intelligent journalists ever in the city. His editorials were polished and comprehensive, but somewhat too heavy and Johnsonese to be popular. In 1873 Cephas A. Leach assumed Godman's interest and was made business manager and editor-in-chief. The *Daily Times* was begun in 1872 and took a vigorous part in the campaign. The paper's name was changed in 1882 to the *Eagle-Times*, and under the management of Sloan Bros. & Kimball continued for nine months when it went to the wall. The *Times* is the landmark of republican journalism in Sedalia. Though not as strong as its rival, the *Democrat*, yet it wielded much influence in shaping the political issues of this and surrounding counties.

In the spring of 1866, Lingle Bros. placed Dr. Logan Clark in editorial charge of the *Independent Press*, a democratic weekly. The office was burned in the fire of Nov. 6, 1868, and their prosperity came to an end, owing to an inability to secure their insurance.

Perhaps the best real estate journal ever in the city was the *Sedalia Advertiser*, a monthly, edited by Clark & Byler, Cotton Bros. and W. A. Reese, in 1866-7. The city derived much benefit from its advertising.

On January 3, 1868, the *Sedalia Democrat*, whose life of usefulness covered a period of twenty years, made its appearance with Dr. A. Y. Hull, editor and business manager; John M. Sneed, president; Geo. Heard, treasurer; O. A. Crandall, secretary, and A. C. Marvin, G. R. Lingle, A. Y. Hull, John M. Sneed, J. P. Thatcher and W. F. White, directors. A morning daily was commenced December 19, 1871, and continued to the end, save a short time in 1872, when it appeared as an afternoon paper. In its prime, the *Democrat* was a power in Missouri. Those were the days when John N. Edwards was writing

of love and tears with all the sweet pathos of a Dickens, while in another column was the political "leader," keen as a Toledo blade, contrasting the brilliancies of his wonderful pen. With and around him at different times were Bacon Montgomery, Rob't. Yost, now of the St. Louis Republic; H. W. Plattenburg, Ed. Burrows, Frank McElroy and many others, all men of particular merit and reputation. Toward the last, the paper suffered through mismanagement. In May, 1888, Hon. Mike McGrath, assumed control; but the star of destiny had set and on October 31 the paper was discontinued, not, however, until much of its publishers' ready cash had been disposed of.

On June 1, 1869, before the animal was born that grew the pelt for his white hat, J. West Goodwin started *The Sedalia Bazaar*. The daily was commenced in the fall of that year and the paper has had an uninterrupted existence ever since. It has generally been independent in politics. W. H. Mugford became closer identified with the *Bazaar*, perhaps, than any other writer upon its staff. He was a forcible writer on local topics and a poet much above the rambling hack work of newspaper life. He is now quietly asleep in that white city of the dead north of town.

A Liberal organ, *The Sedalia Daily Republican*, edited by Champion Vaughn, was established Oct. 12, 1870, by the Eepublican Press Co. It was started for political purposes and ended with the campaign.

*Magann's Opinion*, in 1872, was the outgrowth of a real estate monthly. It was a Republican organ, taking a vigorous part in politics and was issued for a short time as a daily. It was short-lived.

The irrepressible H. Martin Williams was editorially engaged in Sedalia for a year or more during the latter part of the "seventies" on a greenback paper, the *Saturday Evening Call*. It lived about two years.

The *Journal*, the first and only German paper in Sedalia, has always done well, having but little competition and a large German support. It was founded May 25, 1877, by Fred L. Wensel, as a democratic organ. B. Rauch shortly afterwards purchased an interest and in the fall of 1877 the politics were made Republican. Aug. J. Schneider & Bro. bought the paper from Rauch in 1881 and in the latter part of the year Chas. Botz took the place of Chas. Schneider.

The *Boonville Eagle*, founded 1865 by Milo Blair, was moved by this gentleman to Sedalia in 1878 and called the *Sedalia Eagle*. It was issued twice a week, one being a Sunday morning edition. It was strongly republican and, when Mr. Blair was made postmaster in 1882, the paper was consolidated with the *Times* and called the *Eagle-Times*. Sloan Bros. & Kimball took charge and succeeded in sinking the ship in less than a year. The *Boonville Eagle* at an early day, was one of the most influential papers in the state.

Sometime in 1880, J. C. Parmelee started the *Evening Times*, a small afternoon republican daily. After a year's time, the proprietor concluded that he was satisfied to quit and sold to E. R. Beach, who continued its publication until the *Times* swallowed it up a few months later.

The *New Age* was a temperance journal edited by Judge Fisher and Major Corwin. It started in 1880 and continued two years.

Sedalia doubtless never before saw a more complete and artistic display of journalism than the *Sedalia Dispatch*. The plant was entirely new. John N. Edwards was editor-in-chief and kept the Promethean fires at a white heat, while Bacon Montgomery, having a personal acquaintance with almost every important person in the state, and endowed with a subtle instinct for finding news, made a city editor that was invincible. It was a democratic morning daily with an Associated Press franchise and set in small type, but the pressure was too great. After an existence of five months, the paper was abandoned.

In 1884 came the *Earth*, with Len. C. Glessner, as editor. It was a sixteen-page Saturday afternoon paper, printed on tinted bo5k paper and set in old style type. As a model of typographical beauty, it was perfect, and its originality and literary tone gave it a deserved popularity. But "the good die young," and the *Earth* was no exception. After about a year's existence, it was gathered to its fathers.

As an outgrowth of the labor troubles, the *Labor-Union* was started in 1884. Hugh Fitzgerald, an able man for the position and now of the *Dallas Times-Herald*, was its editor until G. DeBernardi assumed control in 1886 and changed its name to *Grange and Labor Union*. At the close of 1887, Samuel Archer purchased the plant and, as the *Industrialist*, made it an exponent of Union labor ideas. Labor papers were not popular at

that time and when E. T. Behrens gave it the title of *Truth*, in February, 1889, its failure in the following October was evidence of the fact. This branch of Sedalia journalism was established as the recognized champion of the strikers.

The *Evening News*, owned by Wm. Thornton, was an afternoon sheet that sank after a tempestuous voyage of one month in the spring of 1885. Its "cylinder press" was a marvel of invention. The forms were placed on the imposing stone for which a wooden roller of the proper width had been secured. Attached to the roller, was a large box which swung underneath the table and was filled with bricks, old plates, etc., to give sufficient weight for a legible impression.

At this time the republican party was without an advocate, and in the fall of 1886, Ed. Crawford supplied the vacancy with the present *Sentinel*. It was a semi-weekly during the campaign of 1888 and an afternoon daily from February, 1889, to April, 1890, when it resumed weekly publication. Its editor is a careful business manager and has done fairly well.

The *Onward Republican*, an afternoon campaign daily, was published in the *Industrialist* office for several months during the early part of 1888. T. T. Clifford was business manager. Doubtless, here was an unrecognized opportunity for success. The newspaper field was not crowded at that time and there was room for a bright, spicy daily.

On October 31, the morning after the *Democrat's* failure, Ed. Marvin, for "one consecutive issue," gave the *Morning Star* permission to arise and shine. It was editorially stated that the paper would be continued if justified by patronage, "if otherwise—otherwise." It was otherwise.

J. W. Payne, not discouraged by recent failures, made a swift run from the city of Independence and startled the natives with the *Sedalia Herald*, an afternoon eight-column paper with a patent inside. It appeared December 7, 1888, but after two issues the editor quietly folded his tent and the place knew him no more.

In a few months John A. Hannay came from the Morgan county hills and with A. C. Baldwin, of Marshall, the old Democrat, Phoenix-like, was raised from the ruins and called the *Sedalia Gazette*. It was Democratic in politics and made its first appearance December 16th, 1888. Mr. Hannay retired in June, 1890. In the latter part of the same year C. H. Streit purchased an interest in the *Gazette*, and upon Mr. Baldwin's removal to Georgia in March, 1891, the paper was made republican, under which policy it has continued to the present day.

You hold the last journalistic enterprise, the *Evening Democrat*, in your hands. Its merits show themselves and it will be the constant endeavor of its management to increase its worth.

## ABANDONED MINES.

Old Spanish Diggings on the Missouri River.

"About one-half mile north of Little Rock in this county," says the *Marshall Democrat-News*, "can be seen in the river bluff evidences of old lead and copper mines which had been operated by Spaniards some time during the last century.

Specimens of loose lead and copper ore have recently been found along the bluff. Projecting from a huge rock in the side of the bluff is a copper rod measuring about a half inch in diameter which was evidently placed there by Spaniards. The rod extends out from the rock about 18 inches, but from the fact that the rod has never been removed its length is yet to be determined. The rod can be easily turned in its present position, but no team of horses can pull it out.

Mr. G. F. Pearson, a reader of the *Democrat-News*, who lives at Little Rock, informed a reporter for this paper that he visited the old mines a few days since, and with the assistance of other parties attempted to pull the rod out, but failed. It is Mr. Pearson's opinion that on the end of the rod is a lead ferrule which in a battered condition holds the rod so firmly."

## Election of Officers.

At a meeting of Worth council No. 33, Order of Chosen Friends, Saturday night, the following officers were elected:

Mrs. Helen Lester, counsellor. Mrs. C. E. Tittsworth, vice-counsellor.

Mrs. E. Costin, secretary. James Glass Jr., treasurer.

Mrs. E. Rogers, prelate. Mrs. Ely, marshal.

Mrs. Heise, warden. H. C. Bohlt, sentry.

Mrs. H. Lester, Mrs. R. Lester and Mrs. Chapel, trustees.

Mrs. H. Lester, Mrs. Mary Rogers and James Glass Jr., auditing committee.

Ed. Lyon, of the depot force, has returned from a visit with relatives in St. Louis.

## LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.

The Disposal of His Large Estate Made by the Late George Swaggard.

The last will and testament of the late George Swaggard, of Sweet Springs, made at Marshall in June, 1891, was filed in Recorder Pilkington's office yesterday. The bequests, are as follows:

To his wife the furniture, rents and profits of the home place, containing seventeen acres, and the 180 acres in Pettis county known as the Charles' farm, 100 acres in Saline county known as the Griffin farm, the rents and profits of blocks 6, 9, 10, 11 and 12 and lots 7, 8, 35 and south end of lot 28 in Sweet Springs, until Jennie V. and Edward E. shall become of age.

After the death of Mrs. Swaggard the home place is bequeathed to his son, B. F. Swaggard. The son is also left 120 acres of land known as the Stanley place, and, after the death of Mas Swaggard, the rents and profits of the Charles place, the Griffin farm and the Taylor farm of 40 acres. After the death of B. F. Swaggard the farms mentioned are to be sold and the proceeds equally divided between Jennie V. and Edward E. Sluss and the children of B. F. Swaggard, if there be any.

Mr. Swaggard carried \$3,000 life insurance, \$3,000 of which goes to the Sluss children, and the remainder to clearing up any indebtedness. W. H. Reavis is appointed executor.

## REPUBLICAN MEETING.

A Young Men's Club Organized--List of Officers.

There was a meeting held at the court house Saturday night for the purpose of organizing a Young Men's Republican Club. Louis Hoffman presided and A. L. Burr acted as secretary.

The following gentlemen were appointed a committee to provide for the entertainment of the state league: Hon. J. H. Bothwell, F. H. Wilson, H. C. Demuth, James O'Brien, Chris. Hye, Chas. E. Messerly, P. D. Hastain, C. H. Streit and Carl Botz.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

J. H. Bothwell, president. Louie Hoffman, first vice-president.

James O'Brien, second vice-president.

E. D. Crawford, third vice-president.

Dr. A. F. Dresel, secretary.

H. W. Meuschke, treasurer.

John J. Kinney, F. H. Wilson, H. C. Demuth, George L. Faulkner and P. D. Hastain, executive committee.

The following delegates were elected to the meeting of the state league:

P. D. Hastain, J. H. Bothwell, Jas. O'Brien, F. H. Wilson, J. J. Kinney, Louie Hoffman, C. H. Streit and W. D. Liffenfriz.

## HORSE TALK.

Samuel Fuller, who is fast making a reputation as the best trainer and driver of trotting horses in this state, has just made arrangements with Mr. Beamer, of Blackburn, Saline county, Mo., to handle the great trotting mare Blazeberry the coming season. This gives Mr. Fuller, in his string for next season, besides the above named animal, the two great wonders, Telegram and King Herod.

## A Quilt Contest.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union wish to send an offering to the Temperance Temple in Chicago, and have made a handsome quilt, for which a voting contest will be held, ending December 31st. All the clergymen in the city, including Father Murphy and Father Dickman, are eligible candidates.

An opportunity is thus given the friends of temperance in all the churches to help the W. C. T. U. send a contribution Sedalians will not be ashamed of.

Many small towns in this and other states have sent \$100 so that a loved name may be engraved on one of the marble tablets in the temple. India, China, Japan and other foreign countries have sent in their gifts. Will Sedalia fall in line?

Tickets signed by the secretary of the W. C. T. U. are on sale at McLaughlin Bros.' store at five cents each. Only such tickets will be counted when the box is opened and the seals broken by disinterested parties on December 31st. The candidate having the largest number of tickets receives the quilt.

The quilt is on exhibition at Messerly & Meuschke's store, where a sealed box will be found in which to deposit your tickets, with the contestant's name written on the back of the ticket.

There may be those who do not care to engage in the contest, but would be willing to contribute. Will they kindly enclose their contributions in a sealed envelope. Write name and amount on the back and leave at the store of McLaughlin Bros. The W. C. T. U. will gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the same.

## Georgetown Stone.

Richard Cavanaugh, proprietor of the Georgetown Stone quarry, Saturday sent a sample of the Georgetown stone to the architect of the M., K. & T. railroad for examination with a view of using it in building the new depot at Nevada